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User's Guide

I. MANUAL FORMAT

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

General principles that are considered of particular importance in helping the user understand the rationale for the detailed regulations that follow are presented at the beginning of appropriate articles.

DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Following the general principles in most articles is a section in which definitions and applications are provided for a number of the more important words or terms used in that article.

DECIMAL NUMBERING WITH TOPIC HEADINGS

The decimal numbering system provides efficiency and flexibility. Section headings, to at least the fourth subsection level, and for further subsections where appropriate, assist the user in identifying the section content, thus facilitating ready access to pertinent regulations. This system also facilitates a “hanging indention” presentation, which helps the reader relate the subsections to the basic section.

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 10

Ethical Conduct.

10.01 General Principles.

10.01.1 Honesty and Sportsmanship. Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

10.02 Definitions and Applications.

10.02.1 Sports Wagering. [F] Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or policy card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on games, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize. (Adopted: 10/03/07 effective 8/1/07)

10.02.2 Wager. [F] A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value. (Adopted: 10/03/07 effective 8/1/07)

10.1 Unethical Conduct. Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if they do not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following: (Revised: 1/10/09, 1/9/06, 7/20/10, 8/20/21)

- (a) Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or the individual's institution;
- (b) Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefits or improper financial aid; (Revised: 1/9/06)
- (c) Knowingly furnishing or knowingly influencing others to furnish the NCAA or the individual's institution false or misleading information concerning an individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an NCAA regulation; (Revised: 1/13/10)
- (d) Receipt of benefits by an institutional staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or adviser (e.g., "runner"); (Adopted: 1/9/06)
- (e) Knowing involvement in providing a banned substance or impermissible supplement to student-athletes, or knowingly providing medications to student-athletes contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state or federal law. This provision shall not apply to banned substances for which the student-athlete has received a medical exception per Bylaw 31.2.3.2; however, the substance must be provided in accordance with medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care and state or federal law; (Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 3/25/08, 5/30/08)
- (f) Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive; or (Revised: 7/20/10)
- (g) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or the institution's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status. (Revised: 7/20/10)

10.2 Knowledge of Use of Banned Drugs. A member institution's athletics department staff members or others employed by the intercollegiate athletics program who have knowledge of a student-athlete's use at any time of a substance on the list of banned drugs, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, shall follow institutional procedures dealing with drug abuse or shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.5.2.

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. [F] The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition. (Adopted: 10/03/07 effective 8/1/07)

- (a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
- (b) Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);
- (c) Staff members of a conference office; and

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Symbols for voting requirements appear after each regulation. See Section III Voting Requirements for Manual for a complete explanation of all symbols. Each division's Manual contain legislation specific to the applicable division and does not contain legislation pertaining only to one or both of the other divisions.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE NCAA MANUAL

Divisions I, II and III each have a separate Manual that contains legislation specific to the applicable division and does not contain legislation pertaining only to one or both of the other divisions. However, legislation that includes references to one or both of the other divisions will appear in its entirety. In addition, since each division's Manual does not contain legislation specific to the other divisions, some bylaws may have gaps in the numbering sequence.

Constitution

Articles 1 through 6 are the constitution, which consists of information relevant to the organization of the Association and the more important principles for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics.

Preamble

- Article 1** Principles
- Article 2** Organization
- Article 3** Finance
- Article 4** Rules, Compliance and Accountability
- Article 5** Amendments to the Constitution
- Article 6** Institutional Control

Operating Bylaws

Articles 8 through 21 are the operating bylaws, which consist of legislation adopted by the membership to promote the principles enunciated in the constitution and to achieve the Association's purposes.

- Article 8** Institutional Control
- Article 9** Legislative Authority and Process
- Article 10** Ethical Conduct
- Article 11** Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel
- Article 12** Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility
- Article 13** Recruiting
- Article 14** Academic Eligibility
- Article 15** Financial Aid
- Article 16** Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes
- Article 17** Playing and Practice Seasons
- Article 18** Championships and Postseason Football
- Article 19** Infractions Program
- Article 20** Division Membership
- Article 21** Governance Structure and Committees

Administrative Bylaw

Article 31 is an administrative bylaw, which sets forth policies and procedures for the implementation of the NCAA championships and the business of the Association. Amendments to Article 31 may be adopted by the Board of Directors or Council for the efficient administration of the activities that they govern. The bylaw also may be amended through the regular legislative process.

Article 31 Executive Regulations

The legislation included in the Division I Manual is also available online via the NCAA Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) at www.NCAA.org. The LSDBi Manual is updated throughout the year to reflect any adopted legislation, modifications of wording, incorporations and editorial revisions. Therefore, the LSDBi Manual includes the most up-to-date legislation available and a mechanism for quickly searching and locating legislation through a variety of user-friendly methods.

Custom Manuals may be produced and printed from LSDBi. Users may select entire articles or specific constitutional provisions and bylaws to include in an abridged format. For example, a user may produce an abridged Manual that only includes legislation that is specific to a particular sport.

III. VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUAL

The Manual presents all regulations on a given subject in logical order. As a result, different paragraphs in the same sections may carry different voting requirements. The following terms define voting requirements currently in effect in the Manual:

- **Constitution** — Provisions in the constitution, Articles 1 through 6, require a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership (present and voting) for adoption or amendment.
- **Area of Autonomy** — An area of autonomy is a legislative provision that provides legislative flexibility to the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions. The abovementioned conferences are granted autonomy in these areas to permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes and for legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being. The requirements for adoption, amendment and expansion of the areas of autonomy are set forth in Bylaw 9.2.2.1. A legislative provision that is an area of autonomy is identified by a capital letter A in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision.
- **Common provision** — Legislation that is derived from the common bylaws (9, 10, 12 and 13) in the 1988-89 Manual. All such legislation is identified by a pound sign [#] in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision and requires a majority vote of each of the three divisions, voting separately, for adoption or amendment.
- **Federated provision** — Legislation that is derived from divided bylaws in the 1988-89 Manual. Such legislation can be adopted or amended by a majority vote of one or more of the subdivisions voting separately.
- **Division dominant** — A division dominant provision is one that applies to all members of Division I and is of sufficient importance to the division that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting at an annual or special Convention. Division dominant provisions are identified by a diamond symbol [◆] in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision.
- **Football Championship Subdivision Dominant** — A Football Championship Subdivision dominant provision is a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and is of sufficient importance to the subdivision that it requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the legislative process set forth in Bylaw 9.2.2.2. Football Championship Subdivision dominant provisions are identified by the initialization FCSD in brackets and bold font immediately after the title of the provision.

Symbols Designating Voting Requirements and Subdivisions for Which Federated Legislation Is Applicable

Provision	Symbol
Area of Autonomy	A
Common	#
Division dominant	◆
Federated	
Football Bowl Subdivision	FBS
Football Championship Subdivision	FCS
Football Bowl Subdivision and Championship Subdivision	FBS/FCS
Football Championship Subdivision Dominant.	FCSD

IV. DE MINIMIS AND RESTITUTION VIOLATIONS

- **De Minimis** — Violations of articles designated by a capital letter D in brackets and bold font **[D]** at the end of the legislative language shall be considered institutional violations; however, the involved prospective student-athlete's or student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected.
- **Restitution** — For violations of articles designated by a capital letter R in brackets and bold font **[R]** at the end of the legislative language, if the value of the benefit provided to the individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) is \$200 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of their choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of such provisions remain institutional violations and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation.

V. DIAGRAMS AND TABLES

Diagrams and tables are included as supplements to the text to help present the content of certain regulations in a clear and concise manner. They are presented as "Figures" and are listed on the page immediately before this user's guide.

VI. LEGISLATION THAT IS SHADED

Legislation, incorporations of interpretations, editorial revisions and modifications of wording approved or adopted after August 1, 2021, are set off by a gray background and include an adoption or revision date.

VII. NOTATION OF LEGISLATION WITH DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE

Legislation with a delayed effective date is enclosed in a box and set off by a gray background.

Commitments to the Division I Collegiate Model

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division I support the following commitments in the belief that these commitments assist in defining the nature and purposes of the division. These commitments are not binding on member institutions but serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.

The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation. Bylaws proposed and enacted by member institutions governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be designed to foster competition in amateur athletics, promote the Association's enduring values and advance the Collegiate Model as set forth in the NCAA Constitution. In some instances, a careful balancing of these values may be necessary to help achieve the purposes of the Association.

The Commitment to Amateurism. Member institutions shall conduct their athletics programs for students who choose to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a part of their educational experience and in accordance with NCAA bylaws, thus maintaining a line of demarcation between student-athletes who participate in the Collegiate Model and athletes competing in the professional model.

The Commitment to Fair Competition. Bylaws shall be designed to promote the opportunity for institutions and eligible student-athletes to engage in fair competition. This commitment requires that all member institutions compete within the framework of the Collegiate Model of athletics in which athletics competition is an integral part of the student-athlete's effort to acquire a degree in higher education. The commitment to fair competition acknowledges that variability will exist among members, including facilities, geographic locations and resources, and that such variability should not be justification for future legislation. Areas affecting fair competition include, but are not limited to, personnel, eligibility and amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, the length of playing and practice seasons, and the number of institutional competitions per sport.

The Commitment to Integrity and Sportsmanship. It is the responsibility of each member institution to conduct its athletics programs and manage its staff members, representatives and student-athletes in a manner that promotes the ideals of higher education and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. Member institutions are committed to encouraging behavior that advances the interests of the Association, its membership and the Collegiate Model of athletics. All individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, responsibility, academic integrity and ethical conduct. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics programs.

The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance. It is the responsibility of each member institution to monitor and control its athletics programs, staff members, representatives and student-athletes to ensure compliance with the Constitution and bylaws of the Association. Responsibility for maintaining institutional control ultimately rests with the institution's campus president or chancellor. It is also the responsibility of each member institution to report all breaches of conduct established by these bylaws to the Association in a timely manner and cooperate with the Association's enforcement efforts. Upon a conclusion that one or more violations occurred, an institution shall be subject to such disciplinary and corrective actions as may be prescribed by the Association on behalf of the entire membership.

The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be conducted in a manner designed to enhance the well-being of student-athletes who choose to participate and to prevent undue commercial or other influences that may interfere with their scholastic, athletics or related interests. The time required of student-athletes for participation in intercollegiate athletics shall be regulated to minimize interference with their academic pursuits. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which student-athletes' activities, in all sports, are conducted to encourage academic success and individual development and as an integral part of the educational experience. Each member institution should also provide an environment that fosters fairness, sportsmanship, safety, honesty and positive relationships between student-athletes and representatives of the institution.

The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards. Standards of the Association governing participation in intercollegiate athletics, including postseason competition, shall be designed to ensure proper emphasis on educational objectives and the opportunity for academic success, including graduation, of student-athletes who choose to participate at a member institution. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be maintained as an important component of the educational program, and student-athletes shall be an integral part of the student body. Each member institution's admission and academic standards for student-athletes shall be designed to promote academic progress and graduation and shall be consistent with the standards adopted by the institution for the student body in general.

The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards. Recruiting bylaws shall be designed to promote informed decisions and balance the interests of prospective student-athletes, their educational institutions, the Association's member institutions and intercollegiate athletics as a whole. This commitment includes minimizing the role of external influences on prospective student-athletes and their families and preventing excessive contact or pressure in the recruitment process.

The Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion. The Division I membership believes in and is committed to the core values of diversity, inclusion and equity, because realization of those values improves the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhances excellence within the membership and in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. The membership shall create diverse and inclusive environments, promote an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person, and include diverse perspectives in the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. Member institutions, with assistance from the national office, are expected to develop inclusive practices that foster positive learning and competitive environments for student-athletes, as well as professional development and opportunities for athletics administrators, coaches and staff from diverse backgrounds.

CONSTITUTION,

Preamble

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a voluntary, self-governing organization of four-year colleges, universities and conferences committed to the well-being and development of student-athletes, to sound academic standards and the academic success of student-athletes, and to diversity, equity and inclusion. Member institutions and conferences believe that intercollegiate athletics programs provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in sports and compete as a vital, co-curricular part of their educational experience. The member schools and conferences likewise are committed to integrity and sportsmanship in their athletics programs and to institutional control of and responsibility for those programs. The basic purpose of the Association is to support and promote healthy and safe intercollegiate athletics, including national championships, as an integral part of the education program and the student-athlete as an integral part of the student body.
(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1

Principles

A The Primacy of Academic Experience. Intercollegiate student-athletes are matriculated, degree-seeking students in good standing with their institutions who choose voluntarily to participate in NCAA sports. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's activities are conducted with the appropriate primary emphasis on the student-athlete's academic. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be maintained as a vital component of each institution's broader educational program. The admission, academic standing and academic progress of student-athletes shall be consistent with the policies and standards adopted by the institution. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

B The Collegiate Student-Athlete Model. Student-athletes may not be compensated by a member institution for participating in a sport but may receive educational and other benefits in accordance with guidelines established by their NCAA division. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

C Integrity and Sportsmanship. It is the responsibility of each member to conduct its athletics program in a manner that promotes the ideals of higher education, human development and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. All individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, responsibility, academic integrity, ethical conduct, and the rules of their conferences. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

D Student-Athlete Well-Being. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be conducted by the Association, divisions, conferences and member institutions in a manner designed to protect, support and enhance the physical and mental health and safety of student-athletes. Each member institution shall facilitate an environment that reinforces physical and mental health within athletics by ensuring access to appropriate resources and open engagement with respect to physical and mental health. Each institution is responsible for ensuring that coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in their relationship with student-athletes. Student-athletes shall not be discriminated against or disparaged because of their physical or mental health. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

E Institutional Control. It is the responsibility of each member institution to monitor and control its athletics program and to provide education and training to ensure compliance with the rules established by the Association, its division and conference. It is the responsibility of each member institution to report all rules violations to its NCAA division and conference in a timely manner and to cooperate fully with enforcement efforts. Responsibility for maintaining institutional control ultimately rests with the institution's campus president or chancellor. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

F Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The Association is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. The Association, divisions, conferences and member institutions shall create diverse and inclusive environments and shall provide education and training with respect to the creation of such environments and an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person. The Association, divisions, conferences and member institutions shall commit to promoting diversity and inclusion in athletics activities and events, hiring practices, professional and coaching relationships, leadership and advancement opportunities. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

G Gender Equity. The Association is committed to gender equity. Activities of the Association, its divisions, conferences and member institutions shall be conducted in a manner free of gender. Divisions, conferences and member institutions shall commit to preventing gender bias in athletics activities and events, hiring practices, professional and coaching relationships, leadership and advancement opportunities. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

H Recruiting Standards. Divisional bylaws shall be designed to promote informed decisions and balance the interests of prospective and current (or transfer) student-athletes, their educational institutions and intercollegiate athletics as a whole. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 2

Organization**A The Association** *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

1 The membership of the NCAA encompasses public and private institutions and conferences of widely varying mission, size, resources and Accordingly, Association-wide governance must reflect these differences through the delegation of authorities and responsibilities to the divisions, conferences and individual member institutions except where necessary to promote and maintain the Association's core principles. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

2 The Association shall: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

a Conduct all NCAA championships. Each member in good standing in its division shall be eligible to compete in NCAA championships assuming it meets applicable Association, division and conference requirements. The Association shall oversee broadcasting, communications and media rights for all NCAA-conducted national championships. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

b When requested by a Board of Governors recognized committee, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports or a division, develop and promulgate guidance, rules and policies based on consensus of the medical, scientific, sports medicine and sport governing communities, as appropriate, for student-athlete physical and mental health, safety and performance. The Association shall make available such guidance, rules and policies to all members. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

c Promote gender equity, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

d Establish the rules for sports competitions and participation, with flexibility at the divisional, subdivisional or federated level as deemed necessary. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

e Manage the Association's intellectual property and maintain historical and statistical records of the Association. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

f Serve as liaison to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

g Provide regulatory services as requested by each division. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

h Defer to appropriate authorities in areas where neither the Association nor the divisions have enforcement/infractions authority. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

3 The Board of Governors: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

a Composition of the Board of Governors shall include, with due attention to diversity and gender equity, the following voting members: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(i) Four members from Division I, to include at least one member institution president or chancellor and one conference commissioner. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(ii) One member from the Division II Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iii) One member from the Division III Presidents Council. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iv) Two independent members who are not currently employed or compensated by any member institution. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(v) One graduated NCAA student-athlete, who shall have graduated not more than four years prior to appointment. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(vi) Ex officio nonvoting members of the Board of Governors shall include the NCAA president, the chairs of the Division I Council and Division II and Division III Management Councils, the president of one Historically Black College and University (HBCU), and one former NCAA student-athlete from each of the two divisions not represented by the student-athlete voting member of the Board of Governors, who shall have graduated not more than four years prior to appointment. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

b Selection of the members of the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(i) Division I members of the Board of Governors shall be appointed by the Division I Board of Directors; Divisions II and III members of the Board of Governors shall be appointed by the Division II and III Presidents Councils, respectively. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(ii) Independent members of the Board of Governors shall be selected by the Division I, II and III members of the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iii) Each divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall nominate one graduated student-athlete member for the Board of Governors. One of those nominees shall be selected by the other eight members of the Board of Governors to be a voting member representing all three divisions. The other two nominees shall be ex officio members of the Board of Governors. [See Article 2-A-3-a-(vi) above.] The selection process for the student-athlete voting member and ex officio members of the Board of Governors must ensure that both men's and women's sports are represented. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iv) The HBCU ex officio member of the Board of Governors shall be selected by the Division I, II and III members of the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

c Each member of the Board of Governors shall have a two-year term, renewable for an additional two years. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

d Duties and responsibilities: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(i) Provide final approval and oversight of the Association's budget, internal and external audits, enterprise risk management, strategic planning, allocation of assets and establish policies related to fiduciary responsibility; *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(ii) Employ the Association's president, who shall be administratively responsible to the Board of Governors. Annually, in consultation with the governing bodies of the three divisions, evaluate the president. Approve employment terms of the president, including but not limited to compensation, benefits, discipline and termination. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iii) Approve Association contracts involving media rights and revenue producing agreements, consulting as appropriate with divisional governing bodies. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iv) In consultation with the leadership of the divisional governing bodies, adopt and implement legal strategy, Association risk mitigation, and government relations and policy matters that affect the Association as a whole. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(v) Provide Board of Governors meeting agendas in advance to the chair of the Division I Board of Directors, and chairs of the Division II and III Presidents Councils to solicit comment and advice, and report fully to the same individuals Board of Governors actions. For matters pertaining primarily to one division, the Board of Governors will consult with and solicit comment from that division's Board of Directors or Presidents Council with due attention to its views. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(vi) May create an executive committee and other committees or bodies to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(vii) Formulate policies and procedures consistent with this Constitution. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(viii) Convene at least one combined meeting per year of the divisional presidential governing bodies. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(ix) Convene at least one same-site meeting per year of the Division I Council and the Division II and Division III Management Councils. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(x) Sponsor proposed amendments to the Constitution to the entire membership for a vote. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(xi) Monitor adherence by the divisions to the principles in Article I. Call for a vote of the entire membership on the action of any division that it determines to be contrary to the basic purposes and general principles set forth in the Association's Constitution. This action may be overridden by the Association's entire membership by a two-thirds majority vote of those institutions voting. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(xii) Call for an annual or special convention of the Association. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

e Duties and responsibilities of the NCAA president: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(i) Administer the national office to implement directions of the Board of Governors and divisional leadership bodies. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(ii) Enter into, administer and enforce all Association contracts, including Board of Governors approved contracts concerning media rights and revenue producing agreements and initiatives of the Board of Governors and divisional leadership bodies. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iii) Recommend to the Board of Governors measures in response to an action or statement by an institution or its representatives that materially violates a constitutional principle and undermines the interests of the Association. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(iv) Undertake other actions necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Association as determined by the Board of Governors and divisional leadership bodies. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(v) Serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Governors with authority to vote in instances when the vote of the Board of Governors results in a tie. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

B The Divisions *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

1 Each division shall have independent authority to organize itself, consistent with the principles of the Association. Each division is authorized to structure itself as it deems necessary, including creation of subdivisions or creation of a new division and determination of membership eligibility for these new organizations, including the role of conferences. New divisions or subdivisions must be self-funded by the originating division. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

2 Each division shall set standards for academic eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

3 Each division shall determine its own governing structure and membership. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

4 Each division shall establish guidelines regarding student-athlete benefits, including commercialization of name, image or likeness and to prevent exploitation of student-athletes or abuses by individuals or organizations not subject to the authority of the student-athlete's school. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

5 Each division shall establish policies and procedures for enforcement of Association and division rules and regulations, and the Association will provide requested support for divisional implementation. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

6 Each division shall determine the sports in which it conducts a national championship and the access criteria for participation. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

7 Two or more divisions may establish a national collegiate championship in a sport in which they do not have separate divisional championships. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

8 Each division shall determine whether to allow an institution to classify a sport in a division other than the division in which it holds membership and the division shall determine the process for reclassification, and the privileges, conditions and obligations of multidivision classification. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

9 Each division shall determine the policies under which conferences are formed and operated. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

10 Each division shall oversee the operations of its member conferences and their adherence to the principles and provisions in this Constitution. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

11 Each division shall ensure its member institutions implement the provisions of Section D below. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

12 Authorities not explicitly enumerated in this Constitution for Association-wide governance are reserved to the divisions or, at their discretion, to subdivisions, conferences or individual institutions. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

C The Conferences *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

1 A member conference is a group of colleges and/or universities, created and operated in a manner governed by the policies of its division, that conducts competition among its members, determines a conference champion in one or more sports in which the NCAA conducts a championship, and meets the conference membership requirements established by its division. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

a Multisport Conferences: Multisport conferences are the primary conference members and serve a critical role in Association and divisional governance as they represent the positions of their member colleges and universities. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

b Multisport conferences must meet all specified divisional membership criteria, including number of member institutions, sports sponsorship minimums and regular-season competition requirements. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

c Multisport conferences may be allocated voting representation on NCAA committees, working groups, task forces and other organizational bodies with oversight over Association or division-wide policy, as determined by the divisions. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

2 Single-Sport Conferences: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

a A single-sport conference conducts competition and determines a conference champion among its members in one sport. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

b Single-sport conferences must meet all specified divisional membership criteria for single-sport conferences. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

c The governance and legislative role for a single-sport conference is limited to issues impacting the single sport and subject to the structure and requirements of its division. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

3 Each division shall have the authority to determine the membership requirements for multisport and single-sport conference members and the role and representation of multisport conference members in the divisional governance structure. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

4 All conferences: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

a Must adhere to the principles and provisions in this Constitution and those established by their division, including in the conduct of athletics events. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

b Must provide to student-athletes any conference policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, and other commercial agreements that may involve use of a student-athlete's name, image or likeness. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

c Shall comply completely and promptly with the rules and regulations governing the division's enforcement process and shall cooperate fully in that process as a condition of membership in the Association. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

5 Each conference shall support its member institutions in implementing the provisions of Section D below, subject to guidance from its division. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

D Member Colleges and Universities *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

1 All members of the NCAA must: *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

a Ensure participating student-athletes are in good standing with the member institution, the conference, division and national Association. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

b Annually submit documentation demonstrating compliance with the division's academic program and publish progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

c Submit annually to the division and the NCAA financial data as determined by the division detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital relating to the intercollegiate athletics program. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

d Establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care for student-athletes, affirms the autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers, and implements NCAA guidance, rules and policies based on consensus of the medical, scientific, sports medicine, and sport governing communities. The physicians and health care staff at each member institution have the ultimate decision-making authority over the health and welfare of student-athletes. Consistent with the member institutions' primary obligation with respect to student-athlete health and safety, member institutions will make NCAA guidance, rules and policies available to student-athletes. Member institutions shall be responsible for the oversight and administration of coach, administrator and staff education on relevant student-athlete physical and mental health topics, prevailing consensus for engaging student-athletes about physical and mental health, how to most effectively support student-athlete physical and mental health, and appropriate resources on campus or in the local community. Member institutions are responsible for regulating practice schedules, taking into consideration the health of student-athletes and their academic success. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

e Maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name, image or likeness. Each institution shall provide such policies to student-athletes and make those policies publicly available. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

f In furtherance of institutional commitments to integrity and sportsmanship, to student-athletes, and to support diversity, equity, and inclusion, appoint individuals who have the following designations: faculty athletics representative; senior woman administrator; athletics healthcare administrator; athletics diversity and inclusion designee; and senior compliance administrator. Each institution will have the flexibility to assign duties associated with each position that best serves the needs of the institution and student-athletes. Establish a student-athlete advisory committee. Its duties may be established by the institution, but student-athletes must constitute a majority of the membership of the committee. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

g Comply completely and promptly with the rules and regulations governing the divisional enforcement process and shall cooperate fully in that process as a condition of membership in the Association. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

h Member institutions shall comply completely and promptly with the rules and regulations governing the division enforcement process and shall cooperate fully in that process as a condition of membership in the Association. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

2 An institution's membership in the NCAA may be suspended, terminated or otherwise disciplined (including loss of or reduction in rights to participate in governance processes or financial penalties) for removal of the member's accreditation, failure to pay dues or failure to satisfy academic performance progress, or failure to abide by the principles stated in this constitution or those established by an institution's division. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

E Student-Athletes *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

1 Student-athletes shall have voting representation on the Board of Governors, Division I Board of Directors, and Division II and Division III Presidents Councils. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

2 The president or chancellor of each member institution shall appoint and support the faculty athletics representative as the principal point of contact to whom student-athletes can report any action, activity or behavior by anyone associated with the athletics program inconsistent with this constitution's principle of student-athlete health and well-being. In this role, the faculty athletics representative is a reporting contact for student-athletes independent of the institution's athletics department, but not a legal advocate for student-athletes. The faculty athletics representative, in this capacity, shall report directly to the member institution's president or chancellor. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 3

Finance

A Resources will be allocated to the three divisions to provide standard membership services, including championships. Division II will receive 4.37% and Division III will receive 3.18% of all operating revenue sources, as agreed on January 9, 1996. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

B All Division II and Division III member schools and conferences shall receive services from the national office. Each division may choose to support additional service needs through their divisional budget. An annual review will be conducted to validate the additional Association service expenses that Divisions II and III pay for directly out of their allocations. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

C All members shall pay Association-wide membership dues set by the Board of Governors on an annual basis that contribute to the NCAA budget. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

D Each division shall have oversight and final approval of its own budget and expenditures and the division's revenue distribution to its members. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

E Divisions may levy assessments on their members, which can be allocated to the divisional budget. Any divisional levy or increase in divisional membership dues by a division may be kept and allocated by the division acting independently of the Association or other divisions. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 4

Rules, Compliance and Accountability

A Each member institution, consistent with the principle of institutional control, shall hold itself accountable to support and comply with the rules and principles approved by the membership. Further, each school shall ensure that its staff, student-athletes, and other individuals and groups representing the institution's athletics interests comply with applicable rules (institutional, conference, divisional and Association-wide) in the conduct of the institution's intercollegiate athletics programs. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

B Each division shall determine the methods of investigation and adjudication to hold accountable its members whose representatives engage in behaviors that violate the rules and principles approved by the membership. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

1 Those accountability measures shall identify the people who engage in investigation and adjudication and define their operating authority. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

2 The measures shall be designed to prioritize integrity and fair play, provide fair investigative and adjudicatory procedures and prescribe appropriate penalties in a timely manner. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

3 Member institutions shall cooperate fully in all accountability measures established by the applicable division and shall take all necessary measures to ensure the cooperation of their staff, student-athletes, and institutional representatives. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

4 Divisional and, as appropriate, conference regulations must ensure to the greatest extent possible that penalties imposed for infractions do not punish programs or student-athletes not involved nor implicated in the infraction(s). *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

5 Investigation of alleged infractions and, if appropriate, sanctions or penalties, by a division or conference should be consistent and timely. Decisions with respect to minor infractions should be prompt and proportionate. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

6 Each division shall annually report to the Board of Governors all major infractions as defined by each division during the preceding year, the status of investigations, and penalties imposed. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5

Amendments to the Constitution

A Provisions of the NCAA constitution may be amended only at a special or annual Convention. The membership shall receive reasonable notice of proposed amendments. An amendment may be sponsored only by the Board of Governors or by a two-thirds vote of a divisional leadership body. A sponsored amendment shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting. The chair of each divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall be eligible to vote. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

B Sponsored amendments shall include a statement of intent and rationale. Amendments to amendments may be sponsored as set forth above but may not expand the scope of the original amendment. Amendments to amendments shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

C Approved amendments shall become effective on the first day of August following adoption, unless another effective date is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

D Before the end of a special or annual Convention, any member who voted on the prevailing side may move for reconsideration. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6

Institutional Control

A The control and responsibility for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be exercised by the institution itself and the division and conference of which it is a member. A member institution's president or chancellor has ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program and the actions of any board in control of that program.

(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)

B If an institution has a nongoverning athletics board or council or an athletics advisory board, administration, faculty members and student-athletes shall constitute at least a majority of the board. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

C It is the responsibility of the Association and each division, conference and member institution to comply with federal and state laws and local ordinances, including with respect to gender equity, diversity and inclusion. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

D Consistent with the principle of institutional control, no provision in this constitution should be construed to restrict or limit colleges and universities, public or private, from adopting or maintaining missions and policies consistent with their legal rights or obligations as institutions of high learning. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

BYLAW, ARTICLE 8

Institutional Control

8.01 General Principle.

8.01.1 Institutional Control. The control and responsibility for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be exercised by the institution itself and by the conference(s), if any, of which it is a member. Administrative control or faculty control, or a combination of the two, shall constitute institutional control. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.01.2 Responsibility for Control. It is the responsibility of each member institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association. The institution's president or chancellor is responsible for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program. *(Adopted: 8/1/22)*

8.01.3 Responsibility to Monitor and Report. An institution shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Association in the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics programs. It shall monitor its programs to ensure compliance and to identify and report instances in which compliance has not been achieved. An institution shall cooperate fully with any enforcement efforts and shall take appropriate corrective actions, as necessary. Members of an institution's staff, student-athletes, and other individuals and groups representing the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the applicable Association rules, including rules requiring cooperation with enforcement efforts, and the member institution shall be responsible for such compliance. *(Adopted: 8/1/22)*

8.1 Institutional Governance.

8.1.1 President or Chancellor. A member institution's president or chancellor has ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program and the actions of any board in control of that program. The term "president or chancellor" refers to the individual with primary executive authority for an institution and does not include an individual who has executive responsibility over a system of institutions. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 5/22/13, 1/20/22)*

8.1.2 Athletics Board. A board in control of athletics or an athletics advisory board, which has responsibility for advising or establishing athletics policies and making policy decisions, is not required. However, if such a board exists, it must conform to the following provisions. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.1.2.1 Composition. Administration and/or faculty staff members shall constitute at least a majority of the board in control of athletics or an athletics advisory board, irrespective of the president or chancellor's responsibility and authority or whether the athletics department is financed in whole or in part by student fees. If the board has a parliamentary requirement necessitating more than a simple majority in order to transact some or all of its business, then the administrative and faculty members shall be of sufficient number to constitute at least that majority. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/20/22)*

8.1.2.1.1 Administrator Defined. An administrator (for purposes of this legislation) is an individual employed by the institution as a full-time administrative staff member who holds an academic appointment, is directly responsible to the institution's president or chancellor or serves as a chief administrative official (e.g., admissions director, finance officer, department head, or athletics department head). Other nonacademic staff members and individuals who are members of an institution's board of trustees or similar governing body would not be considered to be administrators for purposes of this regulation. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/20/22)*

8.1.2.1.2 Board Subcommittee. If a board subcommittee is appointed, it is not necessary for the subcommittee to have majority control by administration and/or faculty members (see Bylaw 8.1.2.1), provided all actions of the subcommittee are approved by the entire board before becoming effective. However, if the subcommittee's actions are effective permanently or become effective immediately and remain in effect until reviewed by the entire board at a later date, the subcommittee's membership must satisfy the majority-control requirement. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.1.2.1.3 Attendance. A parliamentary majority of administrators and faculty members of a board in control of athletics is not required to be present at any single meeting in order to conduct business. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.1.2.2 Chair or Voting Delegate. Only an administrator or faculty member (as opposed to a student, alumnus or governing board member) may serve as chair of a member institution's board in control of intercollegiate athletics or represent the board as the institution's voting delegate at Conventions. Institutional representatives in these positions have responsibility for advising or establishing athletics policies and making policy decisions that require administrative and/or faculty control. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.1.3 Faculty Athletics Representative. A member institution shall designate an individual to serve as faculty athletics representative. An individual so designated after January 12, 1989, shall be a member of the institution's faculty or an administrator who holds faculty rank and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department. Duties of the faculty athletics representative shall be determined by the member institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.1.4 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Each institution shall establish a student-athlete advisory committee for its student-athletes. The composition and duties of the committee shall be determined by the institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.2 Budgetary Control.

8.2.1 Normal Budgeting Procedures. The institution's annual budget for its intercollegiate athletics programs shall be controlled by the institution and subject to its normal budgeting procedures. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.2.2 President or Chancellor Approval. The institution's president or chancellor or an institutional administrator designated by the president or chancellor from outside the athletics department shall approve the annual budget in the event that the institution's normal budgeting procedures do not require such action. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/20/22)*

8.3 Exit Interviews. The institution's director of athletics, senior woman administrator or designated representatives (excluding coaching staff members) shall conduct exit interviews in each sport with a sample of student-athletes (as determined by the institution) whose eligibility has expired. Interviews shall include questions regarding the value of the students' athletics experiences, the extent of the athletics time demands encountered by the student-athletes, proposed changes in intercollegiate athletics and concerns related to the administration of the student-athletes' specific sports. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

8.4 Responsibilities for Actions of Outside Entities.

8.4.1 Independent Agencies or Organizations. An institution's "responsibility" for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program shall include responsibility for the acts of an independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization when a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration, or an athletics department staff member, has knowledge that such agency, corporate entity or other organization is promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. *(Revised: 2/16/00, 1/20/22)*

8.4.2 Representatives of Athletics Interests. An institution's "responsibility" for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program shall include responsibility for the acts of individuals, a corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization when a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration or an athletics department staff member has knowledge or should have knowledge that such an individual, corporate entity or other organization: *(Revised: 2/16/00, 1/20/22)*

- (a) Has participated in or is a member of an agency or organization as described in Bylaw 8.4.1;
- (b) Has made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
- (c) Has been requested by the athletics department staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes or is assisting in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
- (d) Has assisted or is assisting in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes; or
- (e) Is otherwise involved in promoting the institution's athletics program.

8.4.2.1 Agreement to Provide Benefit or Privilege. Any agreement between an institution (or any organization that promotes, assists or augments in any way the athletics interests of the member institution, including those identified per Bylaw 8.4.1) and an individual who, for any consideration, is or may be entitled under the terms of the agreement to any benefit or privilege relating to the institution's athletics program, shall contain a specific clause providing that any such benefit or privilege may be withheld if the individual has engaged in conduct that is determined to be a violation of NCAA legislation. The clause shall provide for the withholding of the benefit or privilege from a party to the agreement and any other person who may be entitled to a benefit or privilege under the terms of the agreement. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/20/22)*

8.4.2.2 Retention of Identity as "Representative." Any individual participating in the activities set forth in Bylaw 8.4.2 shall be considered a "representative of the institution's athletics interests," and once so identified as a representative, it is presumed the person retains that identity. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

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Legislative Authority and Process

9.02 Definitions and Applications.

9.02.1 Legislative Provisions.

9.02.1.1 Area of Autonomy. An area of autonomy is a legislative provision that provides legislative flexibility to the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions. The abovementioned conferences are granted autonomy in these areas to permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes and for legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being. The requirements for adoption, amendment and expansion of the areas of autonomy are set forth in Bylaw 9.2.2.1. A legislative provision that is an area of autonomy is identified by a capital letter A. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.02.1.2 Division Dominant. A division dominant provision is a regulation that applies to all members of a division and is of sufficient importance to the division that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting at a division's annual or special Convention. Division dominant provisions are identified by the diamond symbol (♦). *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/20/22)*

9.02.1.3 Common. A common provision is a regulation that applies to more than one of the divisions of the Association. A common provision shall be adopted by each of the applicable divisions, acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Bylaw 9.2, and must be approved by all applicable divisions to be effective. Common provisions are identified by the pound sign (#). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.02.1.4 Federated. A federated provision is a regulation adopted by the division acting pursuant to the divisional legislative process. Such a provision applies only to the division or subdivision that adopts it. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/20/22)*

9.02.1.5 Football Championship Subdivision Dominant. A Football Championship Subdivision dominant provision is a regulation that applies only to the Football Championship Subdivision and is of sufficient importance to the subdivision that it requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption or to be amended pursuant to the legislative process set forth in Bylaw 9.2. Football Championship Subdivision dominant provisions are identified by the initialization FCSD. *(Revised: 1/15/11, 1/20/22)*

9.1 Conventions and Meetings.

9.1.1 Operational Procedures.

9.1.1.1 Football Classification, Voting. A member institution shall be entitled to vote on legislative issues pertaining only to football in the subdivision in which it is classified. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.1.1.1.1 Restriction. An active member or member conference with no football program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only football. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.1.1.1.2 Football Championship Subdivision Member Applying Bowl Subdivision Football Legislation. A Football Championship Subdivision member that elects to be governed by the legislation pertaining to the Football Bowl Subdivision in accordance with Bylaw 20.8.1.1.1 shall be eligible to vote on issues pertaining to championship subdivision football. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 1/20/22)*

9.1.1.1.3 Conference of Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision Members. A conference whose members are divided between the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Football Championship Subdivision shall vote in the subdivision in which the majority of its members are classified; or if the membership is divided equally between the two subdivisions, the subdivision in which it shall vote shall be determined by the Council Coordination Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07, 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, 12/15/16 effective 8/1/08, 1/20/22)*

9.2 Amendment Process.

9.2.1 Authorizing Legislation.

9.2.1.1 Amendment -- Division Dominant Provisions. The division dominant provisions may be amended only at an annual or special Convention. Federated provisions may be amended as specified in Bylaw 9.2.2. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/20/22)*

9.2.1.2 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Division Dominant Provisions. A proposed amendment to a division dominant provision may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, sponsors of proposed legislation may refine and change proposals in any manner that is germane to the original proposal. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2 Division I Legislative Process.

9.2.2.1 Process for Areas of Autonomy.

9.2.2.1.1 Authority to Adopt or Amend Legislation. The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions shall have the authority to adopt or amend legislation that is identified as an area of autonomy. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.2 Areas of Autonomy. The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions are granted autonomy in the following areas to permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes and for legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being: *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) **Athletics Personnel.** Definitions and limitations on athletics personnel and legislation to meet the support needs of student-athletes while properly managing the number of personnel directly or indirectly associated with a sport in a manner consistent with the need for competitive balance.
- (b) **Insurance and Career Transition.** Legislation related to student-athletes securing loans to purchase career-related insurance products (e.g., disability, loss-of-value), institutions providing insurance-related expenses for student-athletes and the role of agents and advisors in assisting student-athletes with career planning and decision making.
- (c) **Promotional Activities Unrelated to Athletics Participation.** Legislation related to promotional activities for careers and pursuits unrelated athletics participation.
- (d) **Recruiting Restrictions.** Legislation designed to reduce the infringement on a prospective student-athlete's academic preparation.
- (e) **Preenrollment Expenses and Support.** Legislation related to expenses and support provided in the recruiting process and the transition to college enrollment, including assistance to families to visit campus, medical expenses and academic support during the summer prior to enrollment, and transportation to enroll.
- (f) **Financial Aid.** Legislation related to a student-athlete's individual limit on athletically related financial aid, terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid, and the eligibility of former student-athletes to receive undergraduate financial aid.
- (g) **Awards, Benefits and Expenses.** Legislation related to awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes and their families and friends.
- (h) **Academic Support.** Legislation related to the academic support of student-athletes.
- (i) **Health and Wellness.** Legislation related to the health and wellness of student-athletes, including insurance and other items to permit appropriate and sufficient care.
- (j) **Meals and Nutrition.** Legislation related to meals and nutritional demands for student-athletes.
- (k) **Time Demands.** Legislation that establishes an appropriate balance between athletics and other student-athlete activities and fosters participation in educational opportunities outside intercollegiate athletics.

9.2.2.1.2.1 Additions to the Areas of Autonomy. Additions to the areas of autonomy may be recommended to the Board of Directors on support of three of the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1. An addition shall require a 60 percent majority vote of the president or chancellor members of the Board of Directors present and voting. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.2.1.1 Standard of Review. An addition to the areas of autonomy shall be subject to the standard that it must permit the use of resources to advance the legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes, support legislative changes that will otherwise enhance student-athlete well-being, or complement and align with the values of higher education. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.2.2 Application to Other Conferences/Institutions. Legislation set forth as an area of autonomy may be applied by other member institutions at each conference's discretion, which may include delegation of such discretion to its member institutions. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.3 Sponsorship.

9.2.2.1.3.1 Amendment. An amendment to an area of autonomy may be sponsored by any conference listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1, subject to review by the other conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 and approval by a presidential review group that includes at least one representative from each conference listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of an area of autonomy may be sponsored by one of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.4 Submission Deadlines.

9.2.2.1.4.1 Concept. A concept under consideration for sponsorship as an amendment to an area of autonomy must be submitted to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15. *(Adopted: 8/4/16, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.4.2 Amendment. An amendment to an area of autonomy must be submitted to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1. The sponsor may refine and change its proposal in any manner that is germane to the original proposal until 5 p.m. Eastern time December 1. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.4.3 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of an area of autonomy may be submitted to the national office until 5 p.m. Eastern time December 1. Any such amendment shall not increase the modification of the provision to be amended in the original proposal. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.5 Notification to Membership.

9.2.2.1.5.1 Notice of Autonomy Concepts. Proposed autonomy concepts shall be posted on the NCAA website for membership review and comment after September 15. *(Adopted: 8/4/16, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.5.2 Initial Notification. Proposed amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than November 15. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.5.3 Official Notice. Proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than December 15. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 8/8/18, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.6 Membership and Council Review.

9.2.2.1.6.1 Membership Review. All Division I members may provide comments related to proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments via the NCAA website from the date of the initial notification to the membership through December 15 (5 p.m. Eastern time). *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 8/4/16, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.6.2 Council Review. The Council shall review proposed amendments. The review may include a position of support or opposition. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.6.3 Forum Review. The conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 shall review proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments during a forum that is conducted before a business session during which voting on the proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments occurs. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.7 Voting Process.

9.2.2.1.7.1 Business Session. Consideration of proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall occur during a business session involving the member institutions of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1. The president or chancellor of each institution shall appoint one representative and each of the five conferences shall appoint three student-athlete representatives to cast votes on proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.1.7.2 Adoption of Amendments and Amendments-to-Amendments. Adoption of proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall require: *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Approval of three of the five conferences based on a simple majority vote of the institutions within each conference and a 60 percent majority vote of the eligible institutions and student-athlete representatives; or
- (b) Approval of four of the five conferences based on a simple majority vote of the institutions within each conference and a simple majority vote of the eligible institutions and student-athlete representatives.

9.2.2.1.7.3 Finality of Action. An amendment adopted during a business session shall be final upon adjournment of the business session. The concept of a defeated amendment may not be resubmitted as a new amendment for a two-year period. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2 Process for Areas of Council-Governance and Football-Specific Legislation.

9.2.2.2.1 Authority to Adopt or Amend Legislation. Federated legislation applicable to Division I may be adopted or amended at any meeting of the Council. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.1.1 Emergency or Noncontroversial Legislation. The Council may adopt emergency or noncontroversial legislation during any meeting by at least a three-fourths majority vote of its members present and voting. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.2 Sponsorship.

9.2.2.2.2.1 Amendments and Amendments-to-Amendments. An amendment or an amendment-to-amendment in an area of Council governance may be sponsored by the Board of Directors, the Council or a conference listed in Bylaw 21.1.1-(a), 21.1.1-(b) or 21.1.1-(c). A football-specific amendment or amendment-to-amendment may be sponsored by a Football Bowl Subdivision conference or a Football Championship Subdivision conference. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.3 Submission Deadlines.

9.2.2.2.3.1 Concept. A conference must submit a concept under consideration for sponsorship as an amendment to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time July 15. (*Adopted: 1/24/19, Revised: 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.3.2 Amendment. An amendment sponsored by the Council or a conference listed in Bylaw 21.1.1-(a), 21.1.1-(b) or 21.1.1-(c) or a football-only conference as described in Bylaw 21.2.5 must be submitted to the national office by 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1. A conference may sponsor an amendment only if it submitted a concept of the amendment by the preceding July 15 deadline. From the submission deadline until 5 p.m. Eastern time February 1, the sponsoring conference or Council may refine and change its proposal in any manner that is germane to the original proposal. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16, 4/8/18, 1/24/19, 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.3.3 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment identified for a vote in January may be submitted to the national office until 5 p.m. Eastern time December 15. An amendment to an amendment identified for a vote in April may be submitted to the national office until 5 p.m. Eastern time February 1. Any such amendment shall not increase the modification of the provision to be amended in the original proposal. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.4 Notification to Membership.

9.2.2.2.4.1 Initial Notification. Proposed amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than November 15. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/24/19, 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.4.2 Official Notice. Proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments shall be available on the NCAA website for membership review and comment not later than February 8. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16, 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.5 Membership and Council Review.

9.2.2.2.5.1 Membership Review. All Division I members may provide comments related to proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments via the NCAA website until March 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time). (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16, 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.5.2 Council Review. The Council shall review proposed amendments. The review may include a position of support or opposition. The Council may sponsor an amendment-to-amendment by majority vote of its members present and voting through February 8. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16, 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.6 Voting Process.

9.2.2.2.6.1 Adoption of Amendments and Amendments-to-Amendments. Adoption of proposed amendments and amendments-to-amendments submitted by the applicable deadline shall require a majority vote of representatives of the Council present and voting. An amendment-to-amendment that is proposed outside of the legislated submission deadline and that does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended in the original proposal may be adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of the Council members present and voting. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 8/4/16, 10/4/17, 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.6.1.1 Bowl Subdivision and Championship Subdivision Football. Members of the Council who are representatives of conferences that are members of the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Football Championship Subdivision shall vote separately in their respective subdivisions on legislative issues that pertain only to football. (*Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22*)

9.2.2.2.6.1.1 Geographical Representation of Independents. An institution classified as a Football Bowl Subdivision independent or a Football Championship Subdivision independent shall have its views expressed on football issues by a predetermined Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision conference representative, respectively, within the institution's geographical region. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2.6.2 Finality of Action. Legislation adopted by the Council, other than emergency or noncontroversial legislation, shall be considered final at the conclusion of the next Board of Directors meeting, subject to review by the Board of Directors as described in Bylaw 21.1.2. Emergency or noncontroversial legislation adopted by the Council shall be considered final at the conclusion of the Council meeting during which it was adopted. If a proposal does not receive a majority vote of Council members present and voting, it shall be considered defeated. The concept of a defeated amendment may not be resubmitted as a new amendment for a two-year period. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2.7 Rescission Process. An amendment adopted with less than an 85 percent majority vote of Council members present and voting shall be subject to a 60-day rescission period. An amendment adopted with an 85 percent majority vote or greater of Council members present and voting shall not be subject to a rescission process. The concept of a rescinded amendment may not be resubmitted as a new amendment for a two-year period. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2.7.1 Notification to Membership. Notification of the adoption of legislation by the Council shall be provided to the membership within 15 days of the date of the Board of Directors meeting on which the adoption becomes final. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2.7.2 Submission of Rescission Requests. A rescission request may be submitted through the NCAA website by an active member institution with voting privileges. A request must be received in the national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time within 60 days of the date of the Board of Directors meeting on which the adoption becomes final. A request must be approved by the institution's chancellor or president. The institution's chancellor or president or a designated representative may submit the rescission request to the national office. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2.7.3 Threshold for Rescission. An amendment shall be rescinded upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Division I institutions that are eligible to submit a request. An amendment that pertains only to football shall be rescinded in the applicable subdivision upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision institutions that are eligible to submit a request. *(Adopted: 8/7/14 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2.8 Other Rules and Procedures. The Board of Directors or the Council may approve such additional rules and procedures governing the legislative process consistent with the provisions of this section (Bylaw 9.2.2) as it determines are necessary to ensure an efficient process to meet the legislative needs of the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

9.2.2.2.8.1 Sunset Provision. If the Council takes no action on a proposal within one year of its initial consideration, the proposal shall be considered defeated. *(Adopted: 10/4/17, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.3 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

9.2.3.1 Amendment. An amendment to a division dominant provision may be sponsored only by the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97, 1/20/22)*

9.2.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision may be sponsored only by the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97, 1/20/22)*

9.2.3.3 Editorial Changes. The presiding officer may permit changes in the wording of a proposed amendment of a purely editorial nature or to correct typographical errors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97, 1/20/22)*

9.2.4 Submission Deadline.

9.2.4.1 Division Dominant Provisions.

9.2.4.1.1 Amendments. Amendments to division dominant provisions shall be sponsored by the Board of Directors in accordance with the following deadlines: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Annual Convention -- September 1.
- (b) Special Convention -- Ninety days before a special Convention.

9.2.4.1.1.1 Exception. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention when a special Convention is held after September 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.4.1.2 Amendments-to-Amendments. The Board of Directors must submit amendments to its original proposals in writing and such amendments must be submitted not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original proposal. Any amendment to a proposed amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original proposal and must be submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention. The Board of Directors may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention without meeting these procedural requirements, provided the proposed amendment-to-amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the Board of Directors and copies are distributed before or during the Division I Business Session. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 3/1/06, 1/20/22)*

9.2.5 Notification to Membership.

9.2.5.1 Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

9.2.5.1.1 Initial Publication. Amendments to division dominant provisions shall be published for the information of the membership as follows: *(Adopted: 1/19/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Not later than September 22 for an annual Convention.
- (b) Not later than 75 days before a special Convention.

9.2.5.1.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be made available not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days preceding a special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.5.1.3 Delayed Date. If the Board of Directors establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments to division dominant provisions for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/20/22)*

9.2.5.1.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments-to-amendments to division dominant provisions submitted by the September 15 deadline shall be published by September 22. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.6 Adoption of Amendment, Voting Requirements.

9.2.6.1 Division Dominant Provision. Adoption of an amendment to a division dominant provision shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates of the affected division present and voting at a division's annual or special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/5/06, 1/20/22)*

9.2.7 Adoption of Amendment-to-Amendment, Voting Requirements.

9.2.7.1 Division Dominant Provision. A proposed amendment to an amendment of a division dominant provision shall be approved by a majority vote of the delegates of the affected division present and voting. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.8 Special Voting Requirements. The following topics are subject to special voting requirements. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.8.1 Division Championship. A division championship per Bylaw 18.02.1.2 may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors subject to all requirements, standards and conditions prescribed in Bylaw 18.2. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.8.2 Voting on Football Issues. An active member or voting member conference with no football program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only football. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.9 Intent and Rationale.

9.2.9.1 Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions. All amendments to division dominant provisions shall include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale. The statement of rationale shall not exceed 200 words in length. All amendments-to-amendments shall include a statement of intent and, if applicable, a cost estimate. An amendment-to-amendment also may include a statement of rationale that shall not exceed 50 words in length. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.10 Effective Date.

9.2.10.1 Division Dominant Provisions. All amendments to division dominant provisions shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.2.10.1.1 Alternative to August 1 Effective Date. If a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Those amendments specified as being effective immediately shall become effective upon adjournment of the Convention. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96, 1/20/22)*

9.2.11 Reconsideration.

9.2.11.1 Vote on Division Dominant Provisions. Prior to adjournment of any Convention, an affirmative or negative vote on an amendment to a division dominant provision may be subjected to one motion for reconsideration of that action by any member who voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of the vote must occur in the appropriate division business session. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3 Other Legislative and Amendment Procedures.

9.3.1 Interpretations of Bylaws.

9.3.1.1 Authorization. The Board of Directors and the Council (or the Legislative Committee on behalf of the Council), and the Interpretations Committee in the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors and Council (or Legislative Committee), are empowered to make interpretations of the bylaws. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/16/15, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.1.1 Modification of Wording. In addition to its general authority to make binding interpretations of NCAA legislation, the Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may interpret legislation consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the legislation if sufficient documentation and testimony are available to establish clearly that the wording of the legislation is inconsistent with that intent. The Council shall initiate the legislative process to confirm any such interpretations. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2 Interpretation Process.

9.3.1.2.1 Staff Interpretation (Determination). The academic and membership affairs staff shall respond to a request from a member institution for an interpretation of NCAA rules. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 4/24/08, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.1.1 Appeal of Staff Interpretation. An institution may appeal a staff interpretation to the Interpretations Committee. Such a request must be submitted in writing by the institution's conference or by one of the five individuals who are authorized to request interpretations on behalf of the institution (president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative, athletics director, senior woman administrator, senior compliance administrator, or a designated substitute for the president or chancellor and/or athletics director, as specified in writing to the national office). *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 3/8/06, 4/24/08, 4/16/15, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.1.1.1 Institutional Participation. An institution may participate by teleconference in the appeal of an interpretation if the activity at issue already has occurred and the interpretative decision could result in an individual or institutional violation. The Interpretations Committee shall establish policies and procedures relating to an institution's participation. *(Adopted: 4/25/02, Revised: 8/5/04, 4/24/08, 4/16/15, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.1.2 Review of Staff Interpretations. The Interpretations Committee shall review all staff interpretations. *(Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 4/16/15, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.1.3 Publication and Notification. A staff interpretation shall be binding on the requesting institution on notification of the response to its interpretation request, unless the interpretation is modified or reversed on appeal or review by the Interpretations Committee. A staff interpretation that has been reviewed and approved by the Interpretations Committee shall be binding on all other institutions on publication to the membership (e.g., announced on the NCAA website or Legislative Services Database for the Internet). *(Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 4/16/15, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.2 Review of Interpretations Committee's Decision. The Legislative Committee shall review all interpretations issued by the Interpretations Committee and may approve, reverse or modify such interpretations. A member institution may appeal a decision of the Interpretations Committee to the Legislative Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution's president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative or director of

athletics. The Legislative Committee shall establish the procedures for such an appeal. A decision of the Legislative Committee is final and no additional appeal opportunity shall exist for a member institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 8/7/14, 4/16/15, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.2.1 Areas of Autonomy. The members of the Legislative Committee who are representatives from the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 shall act on behalf of the committee on matters that relate to the areas of autonomy listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.2. *(Adopted: 10/4/17, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.3 Publication and Notification. Interpretations issued by the Interpretations Committee shall be binding on notification to affected institutions and on all member institutions after publication and notification to the membership. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/04, 4/16/15, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.2.4 Revision. Interpretations approved by the Legislative Committee may not be revised by the Interpretations Committee. The Interpretations Committee may only recommend to the Legislative Committee revisions of such interpretations. *(Revised: 1/15/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/97 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/16/15, 10/14/17, 1/20/22)*

9.3.1.3 Committee for Legislative Relief. An institution may appeal a decision of the NCAA staff regarding the application of NCAA legislation to a particular situation to the Committee for Legislative Relief when no other entity (other than the Board of Directors) has the authority to act. In reaching its decision, the committee shall review the complete record in order to determine whether there is sufficient basis to grant relief from the application of the legislation. The committee shall establish the process for such a review, subject to the review of the Legislative Committee. A decision of the Committee for Legislative Relief shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 8/1/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/00, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/29/15, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

9.3.2 Resolutions.

9.3.2.1 Authorization. Legislation may be enacted through resolutions not inconsistent with the constitution, bylaws (including administrative bylaws) and special rules of order. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.2.2 Scope and Application. Legislation enacted through resolutions shall be of a temporary nature, effective only for a limited time as specified in the resolution itself. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.2.3 Division Dominant Provisions.

9.3.2.3.1 Sponsorship. A resolution related to a division dominant provision may be sponsored by the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.2.3.2 Submission Deadline. A proposed resolution related to a division dominant provision must be submitted prior to November 1. The Board of Directors may sponsor resolutions at the time of the Convention without meeting this deadline provided the proposed resolution has been approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and copies are distributed during the Division I Business Session. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.2.3.3 Voting Requirements.

9.3.2.3.3.1 Adoption -- Annual/Special Convention. Adoption of a resolution shall require a majority vote of the delegates of the division present and voting at an annual or special Convention. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.2.3.3.2 Mail Ballot. If a majority of the delegates of the division present and voting so direct, a resolution shall be referred to the entire membership of the division for a mail vote conducted under conditions approved by the Board of Directors Administrative Committee. A two-thirds majority of members of the division voting in any such mail vote shall be required for the enactment of the legislation proposed in the resolution. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.3 Special Rules of Order.

9.3.3.1 Division Business Session. The division may adopt special rules of order not inconsistent with the bylaws by a two-thirds majority of the delegates of the applicable division present and voting at any annual or special Convention. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/20/22)*

9.3.4 Statements of Division Philosophy.

9.3.4.1 Authorization. The division or a subdivision, through appropriate deliberative processes, may prepare a statement of division philosophy relating to the development and operation of an intercollegiate athletics program in the division or subdivision. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

9.3.4.2 Scope and Application. Such a statement is not binding on member institutions but shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division or subdivision and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. *(Adopted: 1/20/22)*

9.3.4.3 Adoption Process. A statement of division philosophy may be adopted through the legislative process set forth in Bylaw 9.2.2. If a statement of division philosophy is adopted, it shall be published in the NCAA Manual. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 1/20/22)*

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 10

Ethical Conduct

10.01 General Principle.

10.01.1 Honesty and Sportsmanship. Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

10.02 Definitions and Applications.

10.02.1 Sports Wagering. [#] Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

10.02.2 Wager. [#] A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

10.1 Unethical Conduct. Unethical conduct by a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if the individual does not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96, 2/22/01, 8/4/05, 4/27/06, 1/8/07, 5/9/07, 10/23/07, 5/6/08, 1/16/10, 10/5/10, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16*)

- (a) Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or the individual's institution;
- (b) Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid;
- (c) Knowingly furnishing or knowingly influencing others to furnish the NCAA or the individual's institution false or misleading information concerning an individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an NCAA regulation;
- (d) Receipt of benefits by an institutional staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor (e.g., "runner");
- (e) Knowing involvement in providing a banned substance or impermissible supplement to student-athletes, or knowingly providing medications to student-athletes contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state and federal law. This provision shall not apply to banned substances for which the student-athlete has received a medical exception per Bylaw 18.4.1.4.9; however, the substance must be provided in accordance with medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care and state or federal law;
- (f) Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive; or
- (g) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or the institution's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status.

10.2 Knowledge of Use of Banned Drugs. A member institution's athletics department staff members or others employed by the intercollegiate athletics program who have knowledge of a student-athlete's use at any time of a substance within the banned-drug classes, as set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.4.7, shall follow institutional procedures dealing with drug abuse or shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. [#] The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition: (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/22/20*)

- (a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
- (b) Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);

(c) Staff members of a conference office; and

(d) Student-athletes.

10.3.1 Scope of Application. [#] The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

10.3.1.1 Exception. [#] The provisions of Bylaw 10.3 are not applicable to traditional wagers between institutions (e.g., traditional rivalry) or in conjunction with particular contests (e.g., bowl games). Items wagered must be representative of the involved institutions or the states in which they are located. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

10.3.2 Suspension by a Non-NCAA National or International Sports Governing Body. [#] A student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

10.4 Disciplinary Action. [#] Prospective or enrolled student-athletes found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility. Institutional staff members found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 7/31/14)*

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 11

Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

11.01 Definitions and Applications.

11.01.1 Bonus. A bonus is a direct cash payment over and above an athletics department staff member's institutional salary in recognition of a specific and extraordinary achievement (see Bylaw 11.3.2.3).

11.01.2 Coach, Head or Assistant. [A] A head or assistant coach is any coach who is designated by the institution's athletics department to perform coaching duties and who serves in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/7/14)*

11.01.3 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and has either received the individual's first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility in football (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. For an individual who did not participate in football, exhaustion of eligibility occurs at the expiration of the individual's five-year period of eligibility. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 5/25/06, 12/15/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/29/10 for new appointments, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 8/21/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/25/18, 5/11/19, 1/22/20, 9/27/21, 7/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) The individual shall be enrolled in at least 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of the degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. If the individual fails to complete all degree requirements during the term in which the individual is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, the result shall be an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3. An institution may appoint a midyear replacement graduate assistant coach who is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies (or is not yet enrolled), provided the graduate assistant coach has been accepted for enrollment in a graduate program beginning with the next regular academic term;
- (b) The individual may not receive compensation or remuneration in excess of the value of a full grant-in-aid for a full-time student, based on the resident status of that individual, and the receipt of four complimentary tickets to all the institution's intercollegiate athletics events;
- (c) The individual may receive training table meals as provided to the institution's student-athletes without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;
- (d) Graduate and postgraduate financial assistance administered outside the institution (e.g., NCAA postgraduate scholarship) shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided such assistance is awarded through an established and continuing program to aid graduate students and the donor of the assistance does not restrict the recipient's choice of institutions;
- (e) The individual may not serve as a graduate assistant coach for a period of more than two years except that if the individual successfully completes 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the initial two-year period, the individual may serve as a graduate assistant coach for a third year;
- (f) Compensation for employment from a source outside the institution during the academic year shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided the institution does not arrange such employment and the compensation is for work actually performed. The member institution may not arrange on- or off-campus employment opportunities except for summer employment, which is permissible regardless of whether the student remains enrolled in the graduate program during the summer;
- (g) A graduate student coach may accept employment benefits available to all institutional employees (e.g., life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance), as well as expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach's sport, without the value of those benefits being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;

- (h) The individual may receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or postseason bowl contests in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses pursuant to Bylaw 16.8.1.1;
- (i) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual's significant other and children to attend a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA championship; and
- (j) The individual may not evaluate or contact prospective student-athletes off campus, regardless of whether compensation is received for such activities. The individual may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2); however, it is permissible for a graduate assistant coach to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, provided the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1.

11.01.3.1 Exception -- Professional Football Player. [FBS/FCS] Time spent under contract as a professional football player is excepted from the application of the requirement that a graduate assistant coach must either have received the individual's first baccalaureate degree or have exhausted athletics eligibility within the previous seven years. *(Adopted: 10/27/21 Immediate; applicable to an individual appointed as a graduate assistant for fall 2022 and beyond.)*

11.01.3.2 Replacement of Graduate Assistant Coach. [FBS/FCS] The compensation or remuneration set forth in Bylaw 11.01.3 shall be charged against an academic year. Once the amount set forth in Bylaw 11.01.3-(b) is paid to a graduate assistant coach for that academic year, additional funds may not be spent on a replacement until the start of the next academic year, even though the graduate assistant coach leaves the institution's athletics program during the academic year. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/1/19)*

11.01.4 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Women's Rowing and Swimming and Diving. In women's rowing and swimming and diving (see Bylaw 11.7.6.2.8), a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply: *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/25/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 8/21/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 8/7/14, 1/19/18, 1/16/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/15/20, 12/15/21 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) The individual shall be enrolled in at least 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of the degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. If the individual fails to complete all degree requirements during the term in which the individual is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, the result shall be an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3. An institution may appoint a midyear replacement graduate assistant coach who is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies (or is not yet enrolled), provided the graduate assistant coach has been accepted for enrollment in a graduate program beginning with the next regular academic term;
- (b) The individual may not receive compensation or remuneration in excess of the value of a full grant-in-aid for a full-time student, based on the resident status of that individual, and the receipt of four complimentary tickets to all the institution's intercollegiate athletics events;
- (c) The individual may receive meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pregame or postgame meals, occasional meals) without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;
- (d) Graduate and postgraduate financial assistance administered outside the institution (e.g., NCAA postgraduate scholarship) shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided such assistance is awarded through an established and continuing program to aid graduate students and the donor of the assistance does not restrict the recipient's choice of institutions;
- (e) The individual may not serve as a graduate assistant coach for a period of more than two years except that if the individual successfully completes 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the initial two-year period, the individual may serve as a graduate assistant coach for a third year;
- (f) Compensation for employment from a source outside the institution during the academic year shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided the institution does not arrange such employment and the compensation is for work actually performed. The member institution may not arrange on- or off-campus employment opportunities except for summer employment, which is permissible regardless of whether the student remains enrolled in the graduate program during the summer;

- (g) A graduate student coach may accept employment benefits available to all institutional employees (e.g., life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance), as well as expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach's sport, without the value of those benefits being included;
- (h) The individual may receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses pursuant to Bylaw 16.8.1.1;
- (i) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual's significant other and children to attend the season-ending tournament(s) specified in Bylaw 17.16.5.3-(b); and
- (j) The individual may not evaluate or contact prospective student-athletes off campus, regardless of whether compensation is received for such activities. The individual may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2); however, it is permissible for a graduate assistant coach to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, provided the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1.

11.01.4.1 Replacement of Graduate Assistant Coach. [A] The compensation or remuneration set forth in Bylaw 11.01.4 shall be charged against an academic year. Once the amount set forth in Bylaw 11.01.4-(b) is paid to a graduate assistant coach for that academic year, additional funds may not be spent on a replacement until the start of the next academic year, even though the graduate assistant coach leaves the institution's athletics program during the academic year. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

11.01.5 Coach, Student Assistant. [A] A student assistant coach is any coach who is a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in the sport or has become injured to the point that the individual is unable to practice or compete ever again, and who meets the following additional criteria: *(Revised: 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 3/10/04, 5/26/06, 8/11/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 8/7/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 2/7/20)*

- (a) Is enrolled at the institution where the individual most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics;
- (b) Is enrolled as a full-time graduate student within the individual's five-year period of eligibility (see Bylaw 12.8) or is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in the individual's first baccalaureate degree program, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of the degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than a full-time degree program of studies, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;
- (c) Is receiving no compensation or remuneration for coaching duties from the institution other than the financial aid that could be received as a student-athlete and expenses incurred on road trips that are received by individual team members; and
- (d) Is not involved in contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus and does not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).

11.01.6 Coach, Volunteer. [A] In sports other than bowl subdivision football and basketball, a volunteer coach is any coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from the institution's athletics department or any organization funded in whole or in part by the athletics department or that is involved primarily in the promotion of the institution's athletics program (e.g., booster club, athletics foundation association). The following provisions shall apply: *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/26/06, 8/7/14, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18, 5/1/19, 2/7/20)*

- (a) The individual is prohibited from contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus and may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).
- (b) The individual may receive a maximum of two complimentary tickets to home athletics contests in the coach's sport.
- (c) The individual may receive complimentary admission to a home athletics event in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit.
- (d) The individual may receive complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pre- or postgame meals, occasional meals, but not training table meals) or meals provided during a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete.
- (e) The individual may receive reasonable entertainment (but may not receive cash for such entertainment) in conjunction with entertainment provided to student-athletes per Bylaw 16.7.

11.01.7 Manager. [A] A manager is an individual who performs traditional managerial duties (e.g., equipment, laundry, hydration) and meets the following additional criteria: *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 8/7/14, 6/12/19)*

- (a) The individual shall be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (see Bylaws 14.2.2 and 14.2.2.1.5) at the institution for which the individual serves as a manager, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of a degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;
- (b) The individual may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice) or competition (e.g., assist with warm-up activities) involving student-athletes on a regular basis;
- (c) The individual shall not provide instruction to student-athletes;
- (d) The individual shall not participate in countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice player) except as permitted in Bylaw 11.01.7-(b); and
- (e) In baseball, the individual shall forfeit any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution where the individual serves as a manager.

11.01.8 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. (*Adopted: 1/19/18*)

11.1 Conduct of Athletics Personnel.

11.1.1 Responsibility for Violations of NCAA Regulations. Institutional staff members found in violation of NCAA regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual's previous employment at another member institution. (*Revised: 7/31/14*)

11.1.1.1 Responsibility of Head Coach. An institution's head coach is presumed to be responsible for the actions of all institutional staff members who report, directly or indirectly, to the head coach. An institution's head coach shall promote an atmosphere of compliance within the program and shall monitor the activities of all institutional staff members involved with the program who report, directly or indirectly, to the coach. (*Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 10/30/12, 7/16/14*)

11.1.2 Use of Association Name or Affiliation. Staff members of member institutions and others serving on the Association's committees or acting as consultants shall not use, directly or by implication, the Association's name or their affiliation with the Association in the endorsement of products or services.

11.1.3 Representing Individuals in Marketing Athletics Ability/Reputation. Staff members of the athletics department of a member institution shall not represent, directly or indirectly, any individual in the marketing of athletics ability or reputation to an agent, a professional sports team or a professional sports organization, including receiving compensation for arranging commercial endorsements or personal appearances for former student-athletes, except as specified in Bylaw 11.1.3.1, and shall not receive compensation or gratuities of any kind, directly or indirectly, for such services. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94*)

11.1.3.1 Exception -- Professional Sports Counseling Panel and Head Coach. An institution's professional sports counseling panel or a head coach in a sport may contact agents, professional sports teams or professional sports organizations on behalf of a student-athlete, provided no compensation is received for such services. The head coach shall consult with and report the coach's activities on behalf of the student-athlete to the institution's professional sports counseling panel. If the institution has no such panel, the head coach shall consult with and report the coach's activities to the president or chancellor [or an individual or group (e.g., athletics advisory board) designated by the president or chancellor]. (*Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 3/8/06*)

11.1.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach Certification. A strength and conditioning coach shall be certified and maintain current certification through a nationally accredited strength and conditioning certification program. (*Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/15*)

11.2 Contractual Agreements.

11.2.1 Stipulation That NCAA Enforcement Provisions Apply. Contractual agreements or appointments between a president or chancellor, director of athletics or any contracted or appointed athletics department staff member and an institution shall include the stipulation that: (*Revised: 3/10/04, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 for contracts or appointments executed on or after 8/8/18*)

- (a) The individual has an affirmative obligation to cooperate fully in the infractions process, including the investigation and adjudication of a case (see Bylaw 19.2.3); and
- (b) An individual who is found in violation of NCAA regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in the provisions of the NCAA infractions process (see Bylaw 19), including suspension without pay or termination of employment.

11.2.2 Athletically Related Income and Benefits. Contractual agreements, including letters of appointment, between a full-time or part-time athletics department staff member and an institution shall include the stipulation that an athletics department staff member who receives athletically related income or benefits from a source outside the institution (e.g., income from endorsement or consultation contracts with apparel companies, equipment manufacturers, television and radio programs; income from ownership, control or management of a foundation, organization or other entities; etc.) must report such earnings [other than cash or cash equivalent (as opposed to tangible items) if the total amount received is \$600 or less] to the president or chancellor on an annual basis. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.1.1.) *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

11.3 Compensation and Remuneration.

11.3.1 Control of Employment and Salaries. The institution, as opposed to any outside source, shall remain in control of determining who is to be its employee and the amount of salary the employee is to receive within the restrictions specified by NCAA legislation.

11.3.2 Income in Addition to Institutional Salary.

11.3.2.1 Bona Fide Outside Employment. A staff member may earn income and receive benefits in addition to the institutional salary by performing services for outside groups consistent with the institution's policy related to outside income and benefits applicable to all full-time or part-time employees. The approval of such income and benefits shall be consistent with the institution's policy. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 8/8/18)*

11.3.2.1.1 Noninstitutional Income and Benefits Disclosure. A full-time or part-time athletics department staff member who receives athletically related income or benefits from a source outside the institution (e.g., income from endorsement or consultation contracts with apparel companies, equipment manufacturers, television and radio programs; income from ownership, control or management of a foundation, organization or other entities; etc.) must report such earnings to the president or chancellor on an annual basis; however, the athletics staff member is not required to report any cash or cash equivalent (as opposed to tangible items) if the total amount received is \$600 or less. (See Bylaw 11.2.2.) *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

11.3.2.2 Supplemental Pay. An outside source is prohibited from paying or regularly supplementing an athletics department staff member's annual salary and from arranging to supplement that salary for an unspecified achievement. This includes the donation of cash from outside sources to the institution earmarked for the staff member's salary or supplemental income. It would be permissible for an outside source to donate funds to the institution to be used as determined by the institution, and it would be permissible for the institution, at its sole discretion, to use such funds to pay or supplement a staff member's salary.

11.3.2.3 Bonuses for Specific and Extraordinary Achievement. An institution may permit an outside individual, group or agency to supplement an athletics department staff member's salary with a direct cash payment in recognition of a specific and extraordinary achievement (e.g., contribution during career to the athletics department of the institution, winning a conference or national championship, number of games or meets won during career/season), provided such a cash supplement is in recognition of a specific achievement and is in conformance with institutional policy.

11.3.2.4 Recruiting Service Consultants. Institutional athletics department staff members may not serve as consultants or participate on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 11/17/21)*

11.3.2.5 Consultant for Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/15/11, Revised: 11/17/21)*

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

11.4.1 High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach. An institution may not employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains a coach in the same sport at the high school, preparatory school or two-year college. This provision does not preclude employment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach in a different sport. Men's and women's teams in the same sport are considered different sports for purposes of this legislation. Men's and women's teams in the same sport are considered different sports even if an athlete from the opposite gender is playing on a high school, preparatory school or two-year college men's or women's team, provided the team is classified as a separate team (as opposed to a "mixed" team) by the appropriate institution or the state high school, preparatory school or two-year college governing body. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.2 for regulations relating to the employment of high school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in institutional camps or clinics.) *(Revised: 1/10/91, 3/16/07, 1/16/10)*

11.4.1.1 Contract for Future Employment. An institution is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for an employment opportunity that begins with the next academic year, provided the employment contract with the member institution is not contingent upon the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete and the coach does not begin any coaching duties (e.g., recruiting, selection of coaching staff) for the member institution while remaining associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college.

11.4.2 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 a contract signed before 10/29/09 may be honored, Revised: 6/17/11)*

11.4.2.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.2 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.2 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 6/20/13)*

11.4.2.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the institution's last regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/13/17, 3/3/21)*

11.4.3 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

11.4.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.18) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

11.4.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution's last regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 3/3/21)*

11.4.4 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored.)*

11.4.4.1 Application. [FBS] A violation of Bylaw 11.4.4 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.20) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled

at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.4 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

11.4.4.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution the previous academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 3/3/21)*

11.5 Requirements to Recruit Off Campus.

11.5.1 Annual Rules Education Requirement. A coach shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities until the coach has received, from the coach's institution, rules education covering NCAA legislation, including Bylaw 13 and other bylaws [e.g., Bylaw 15.3 (institutional financial aid award) and 14.3 (freshman academic requirements)] that relates to the recruitment of prospective student-athletes. Continuing rules education must occur, at a minimum, on an annual basis. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 12/15/21 effective 8/1/22)*

11.6 Scouting of Opponents.

11.6.1 Off-Campus, In-Person Scouting Prohibition. Off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaws 11.6.1.1 and 11.6.1.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/15/14)*

11.6.1.1 Exception -- Same Event at the Same Site. An institutional staff member may scout future opponents also participating in the same event at the same site. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 9/19/13, 2/7/20, 6/30/21 effective 8/1/21)*

11.6.1.2 Exception -- Conference or NCAA Championships. An institutional staff member may attend a contest in the institution's conference championship or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates (e.g., an opponent on the institution's spring nonchampionship-segment schedule participates in a fall conference or NCAA championship). *(Adopted: 1/15/14, Revised: 2/7/20, 6/30/21 effective 8/1/21)*

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

11.7.1 Designation of Coaching Category. [A] An individual who coaches and either is uncompensated or receives compensation or remuneration of any sort from the institution, even if such compensation or remuneration is not designated for coaching, shall be designated as a head coach, assistant coach, volunteer coach, graduate assistant coach or student assistant coach by certification of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

11.7.1.1 Countable Coach. An institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) with whom the institution has made arrangements must count against coaching limits in the applicable sport as soon as the individual participates (in any manner) in any of the following: *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

- (a) Provides technical or tactical instruction related to the sport to a student-athlete at any time;
- (b) Makes or assists in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition; or
- (c) Engages in any off-campus recruiting activities.

11.7.1.1.1 Exception -- Postseason Practice Session -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an employee of a professional sports organization or team who conducts a postseason practice session per Bylaw 17.11.7.4 is not considered a countable coach. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

11.7.1.1.2 Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances. [A] An institution may replace temporarily or on a limited basis one of its countable coaches if the coach is unable to perform any or all duties because of extenuating circumstances (e.g., suspension, prolonged serious illness, pregnancy). The replacement coach may perform only those coaching, administrative or recruiting duties, including the telephoning of prospective student-athletes, that the replaced coach is unable to perform. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

11.7.1.1.3 Replacement for National, Olympic or Paralympic Team Coaches. [A] An institution may replace a coach temporarily or on a limited basis when that coach takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team, Olympic or Paralympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the coach who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/14/08, 1/15/20*)

11.7.1.2 Placement Within Categories. [A] If an institution has not reached its limit on the number of coaches in any category, any type of coach may be counted in that category. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)

11.7.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. [A] The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6: (*Revised: 1/12/06, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/26/12, 8/7/14, 1/19/18, 1/16/19*)

- (a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes other than on-campus evaluations of video and on-campus activities involving the selection of prospective student-athletes; and
- (b) Making telephone calls to prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' family members or coaches).

11.7.2.1 Exception – Graduate Assistant Coach – Football. In football, a graduate assistant coach may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(a) (on campus only) and 11.7.2-(b) if the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1. [See Bylaw 11.01.3-(j).] (*Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 5/1/19, 12/15/21 effective 8/1/22*)

11.7.2.2 Exception – Graduate Assistant Coach – Women's Rowing and Swimming and Diving. In women's rowing and swimming and diving, a graduate assistant coach may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(a) (on campus only) and 11.7.2-(b) if the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1. [See Bylaw 11.01.4-(j).] (*Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 8/7/14, 1/19/18, 12/15/21 effective 8/1/22*)

11.7.2.3 Exceptions – Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches. [A] (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/8/08, 9/24/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/13/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 11/7/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

- (a) **After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(b) after the prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.
- (b) **After Receipt of Financial Deposit.** A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(b) after the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.
- (c) **Telephone Calls in Conjunction With Official Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the official visit and during the official visit.
- (d) **Telephone Calls in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.
- (e) **Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues.** A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family member or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information), provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls.

11.7.3 Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities. [A] A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) is prohibited from participating in on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice, signal plays) and is prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games). (*Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

11.7.4 Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] There shall be a limit of one head coach, 10 assistant coaches and four graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football. *(Revised: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/12, 4/26/17 effective 1/9/18)*

11.7.4.1 Exceptions to Number Limits. [FBS] No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching categories set forth in Bylaw 11.7.4 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any football game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

11.7.4.1.1 Weight or Strength Coach. [FBS] A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches. Not more than five weight or strength coaches are permitted to work with a football program in any capacity, including all workouts (required and voluntary), practices and game-related activities. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/12)*

11.7.4.1.2 Student Assistant Coach. [FBS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.01.5). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.4.1.3 Sprint Football. [FBS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to sprint football programs. Sprint football coaches are prohibited from off-campus recruiting.

11.7.4.1.4 Additional Coaches -- National Service Academies. [FBS] National service academies may employ four additional coaches. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/23/05)*

11.7.4.1.5 Special Attrition Provision. [FBS] The institution is permitted to meet these limitations through normal attrition only if the institution had in effect prior to September 15, 1990, a written obligation to the assistant coach through academic tenure, an enforceable contract or a formal security-of-employment commitment. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.4.2 Contact and Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athletes. [FBS] Only those coaches who are counted by the institution within the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

11.7.5 Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, there shall be a limit of 11 head or assistant coaches and two coaches who may serve as either graduate assistant coaches or volunteer coaches. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06, 5/1/19)*

11.7.5.1 Exceptions to Number Limits. [FCS] No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limit set forth in Bylaw 11.7.5 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any football game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

11.7.5.1.1 Weight or Strength Coach. [FCS] A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches.

11.7.5.1.2 Student Assistant Coach. [FCS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.01.5). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.5.1.3 Varsity/Freshman Team Football Program. [FCS] An institution that conducts a championship subdivision football program that includes a varsity team and a freshman team may employ two additional coaches. Freshman eligibility for varsity team participation must be prohibited by the institution and the freshman team must participate in five or more intercollegiate contests in order for the two additional coaches to be employed. Such additional coaches may perform football-related duties only during the permissible playing and practice season in football. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06)*

11.7.5.1.4 Varsity/Junior Varsity/Freshman Team Football Program. [FCS] An institution that conducts a championship subdivision football program that includes a varsity team, a junior varsity team and a freshman team may employ four additional coaches. Freshman eligibility for varsity or junior varsity team participation must be prohibited by the institution, the junior varsity team must participate in at least four intercollegiate contests and the freshman team must participate in at least five intercollegiate contests in order for the four additional coaches to be employed. Such additional coaches may perform football-related duties only during the permissible playing and practice season in football. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06)*

11.7.5.1.5 Varsity/Junior Varsity Football Program. [FCS] An institution that conducts a championship subdivision football program that includes a varsity team and a junior varsity team may employ two additional coaches. The institution's junior varsity team must participate in at least four intercollegiate contests in order for the two

additional coaches to be employed. Such additional coaches may perform football-related duties only during the permissible playing and practice season in football. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06)*

11.7.5.1.6 Sprint Football. [FCS] The limits on the number of coaches in this section do not apply to sprint football programs. Sprint football coaches are prohibited from off-campus recruiting.

11.7.5.1.7 Special Attrition Provision. [FCS] The institution is permitted to meet these limitations through normal attrition only if the institution had in effect prior to September 15, 1990, a written obligation to the assistant coach through academic tenure, an enforceable contract or a formal security-of-employment commitment. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.5.2 Off-Campus Contact and Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athletes. [FCS] Only those coaches who are counted by the institution within the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 2/3/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/12, 8/11/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/15, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	3	Men's Skiing	2
Baseball	3	Women's Skiing	2
Men's Basketball	4	Men's Soccer	3
Women's Basketball	4	Women's Soccer	3
Women's Beach Volleyball	2	Softball	3
Women's Bowling	2	Men's Swimming	2
Women's Equestrian	3	Men's Swimming and Diving	3
Men's Fencing	2	Women's Swimming	2
Women's Fencing	2	Women's Swimming and Diving	3
Football, Bowl Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.4)	11	Men's Tennis	2
Football, Championship Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.5)	11	Women's Tennis	2
Field Hockey	3	Men's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	2
Men's Golf	2	Men's Track and Field	3
Women's Golf	2	Men's Cross Country/Track and Field	3
Men's Gymnastics	3	Women's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	2
Women's Gymnastics	3	Women's Track and Field	3
Men's Ice Hockey	3	Women's Cross Country/Track and Field	3
Women's Ice Hockey	3	Women's Triathlon	2
Men's Lacrosse	3	Men's Volleyball	3
Women's Lacrosse	3	Women's Volleyball	3
Men's Rifle	2	Men's Water Polo	3
Women's Rifle	2	Women's Water Polo	3
Women's Rowing	4	Men's Wrestling	3
Women's Rugby	3	Women's Wrestling	3

11.7.6.1 Combined Sports Program. [A] An institution that conducts a combined program in a sport (one in which all coaching staff members in the same sport are involved in practice activities or competition with both the men's and women's teams on a daily basis) may employ the total number of coaches specified separately for men and for women in that sport. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. [A] No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.6.2.1 Weight or Strength Coach. [A] A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.6.2.2 Student Assistant Coach. [A] An institution may employ student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.01.5). The limit on the number of student assistant coaches in each sport shall be the same as the limit on the number of coaches in the sport per Bylaw 11.7.6. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/23/05, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.6.2.3 Volunteer Coach. [A] In sports other than football, basketball, women's equestrian, women's rowing, swimming and diving and women's triathlon, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach (per Bylaw 11.01.6). Indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and cross country are separate sports for purposes of this provision. In sports in which the NCAA conducts separate men's and women's championships, a combined men's and women's program may use two volunteer coaches. *(Adopted: 1/19/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.6.2.3.1 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Rowing. [A] In women's rowing, an institution may use the services of four volunteer coaches. *(Adopted: 4/25/01 effective 8/1/01)*

11.7.6.2.3.2 Volunteer Coach -- Swimming and Diving. [A] An institution that conducts separate men's and women's swimming programs with a combined men's and women's diving program may employ three volunteer coaches, one for men's swimming, one for women's swimming and one for diving. An institution that only sponsors either men's swimming and diving or women's swimming and diving may use the services of two volunteer coaches, one for swimming and one for diving. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

11.7.6.2.3.3 Volunteer Coach -- Cross Country/Track and Field. [A] An institution that sponsors cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field as separate sports may use the services of one volunteer coach for each of the sports that it sponsors. Each volunteer coach may coach student-athletes in any of the three sports throughout the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

11.7.6.2.3.4 Volunteer Coach -- Track and Field -- Pole Vault. [A] An institution that competes in pole vault may use the services of one additional volunteer coach (to coach both genders), limited to coaching pole vault. *(Adopted: 1/12/04)*

11.7.6.2.3.5 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Equestrian. [A] In women's equestrian, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach for the hunt seat riding discipline and one volunteer coach for the western riding discipline. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

11.7.6.2.3.6 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Triathlon. [A] In women's triathlon, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach for the swimming element, one volunteer coach for the cycling element and one volunteer coach for the running element. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

11.7.6.2.3.7 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. [A] In women's acrobatics and tumbling, an institution may use the services of two volunteer coaches. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

11.7.6.2.3.8 Volunteer Coach -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution may use the services of up to two volunteer coaches, dependent on the number of graduate assistant coaches employed by the institution (see Bylaw 11.7.5). *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

11.7.6.2.4 Special Attrition Provision. The institution is permitted to meet these limitations through normal attrition only if the institution had in effect prior to September 15, 1990, a written obligation to the assistant coach through academic tenure, an enforceable contract or formal security-of-employment commitment. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)*

11.7.6.2.5 Additional Coaches -- National Service Academies. A national service academy may employ two additional coaches in basketball. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*

11.7.6.2.6 Exception for Lightweight Rowing. [A] An institution that conducts a rowing program that includes heavyweight rowing and lightweight rowing may employ two additional coaches. Each of the institution's rowing teams must have at least one "eight" or two "fours" that compete in at least four spring events. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

11.7.6.2.7 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Women's Rowing. [A] In women's rowing, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.4). *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

11.7.6.2.8 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Swimming and Diving. [A] In swimming and diving, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.4) for diving (regardless of whether its diving programs are separate or combined). *(Adopted: 1/19/18)*

FIGURE 11-1
Coaches' Compensation and Benefits

	Head Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2) Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2)	Volunteer Coach (Bylaw 11.01.6)	Graduate Assistant Coach (Bylaws 11.01.3 and 11.01.4)	Student Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.5)
I. Compensation or Remuneration				
A. In excess of full grant-in-aid based on nonresident status	X			
B. Not more than full grant-in-aid based on actual resident status			X	X
C. Compensation or remuneration from athletics department prohibited		X		
D. May receive camp compensation from athletics department	X	X	X	X
E. May receive camp compensation from source other than athletics department	X	X	X	X
F. Employment outside athletics department arranged by institution	X	X	X (only during summer)	X
G. May receive compensation from institution for duties actually performed outside athletics department, from source outside athletics department	X	X		X
H. Bowl or postseason-play bonuses	X			
I. Established graduate or postgraduate award administered outside the institution			X	
II. Benefits				
A. Complimentary-ticket limit	Unlimited	2 (home contests only in coach's sport)	4	Regular Season: 4* Postseason: 6*
B. Training table (over and above I-A, B and C compensation)	X		X	
C. Use of car (over and above I-A, B and C compensation)	X			
D. Country club/health club membership or similar complimentary services (over and above I-A, B or C compensation)	X			
E. Benefits available to all institutional employees (life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, tuition waiver)	X		X	
F. Reduction in teaching load without reduction in non-athletics department compensation in recognition of coaching duties (in addition to I-A, B or C compensation)	X			
G. Complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities, other than training table meals, or in conjunction with official visits	X	X	X	X
H. Actual and necessary expenses for spouse and children to attend a postseason football game or an NCAA championship in football or, in women's rowing, a season-ending tournament	X		X	
I. Incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship or bowl game			X	X

* Admissions, not hard tickets.

FIGURE 11-2
Coaches' Reimbursable Expenses

	Head Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2) Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2)	Volunteer Coach (Bylaw 11.01.6)	Graduate Assistant Coach (Bylaws 11.01.3 and 11.01.4)	Student Assistant Coach (Bylaw 11.01.5)
Expenses—Reimbursable (Room, Board and Transportation)				
A. Away games	X	X	X	X
B. Off-campus recruiting contacts	X			
C. Evaluate prospective student-athletes	X			
D. Parking expenses associated with practice and competition	X	X	X	X

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 12

Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

12.01 General Principles.

12.01.1 Eligibility for Intercollegiate Athletics. Only an amateur student-athlete is eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in a particular sport.

12.01.2 Clear Line of Demarcation. Member institutions' athletics programs are designed to be an integral part of the educational program. The student-athlete is considered an integral part of the student body, thus maintaining a clear line of demarcation between college athletics and professional sports.

12.01.3 "Individual" vs. "Student-Athlete." NCAA amateur status may be lost as a result of activities prior to enrollment in college. If NCAA rules specify that an "individual" may or may not participate in certain activities, this term refers to a person prior to and after enrollment in a member institution. If NCAA rules specify a "student-athlete," the legislation applies only to that person's activities after enrollment.

12.01.4 Permissible Grant-in-Aid. A grant-in-aid administered by an educational institution is not considered to be pay or the promise of pay for athletics skill, provided it does not exceed the financial aid limitations set by the Association's membership.

12.02 Definitions and Applications.

12.02.1 Agent. [A] An agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly: *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

- (a) Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing the individual's athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or
- (b) Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete.

12.02.1.1 Application. [A] An agent may include, but is not limited to, a certified contract advisor, financial advisor, marketing representative, brand manager or anyone who is employed or associated with such persons. *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

12.02.1.2 NCAA Certification Requirement -- Men's Basketball. [A] In men's basketball, any individual who solicits a prospective or enrolled student-athlete to enter into an agency contract or attempts to obtain employment for an individual with a professional sports team or organization or as a professional athlete must be certified and maintain active certification per the policies and procedures of the NCAA agent certification program. (See Bylaw 12.3.1.3.) *(Adopted: 8/8/18 An NBPA-certified agent is considered an NCAA-certified agent until the NCAA agent certification program is operational, which will be not later than August 1, 2020)*

12.02.1.2.1 Exception. [A] A family member of a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or an individual acting solely on behalf of a professional sports team or organization is not required to be certified through the NCAA agent certification program. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.02.1.2.2 Responsibility of NCAA-Certified Agent. [A] An NCAA-certified agent is presumed responsible for the actions of all employees who report, directly or indirectly, to the NCAA-certified agent. Improper conduct of an NCAA-certified agent's employees shall subject the agent to disciplinary action pursuant to the NCAA agent certification program. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.02.2 Actual and Necessary Expenses. Actual and necessary expenses are limited to: *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) Meals;
- (b) Lodging;
- (c) Apparel, equipment and supplies;
- (d) Coaching and instruction;
- (e) Health/medical insurance;
- (f) Transportation (expenses to and from practice and competition, cost of transportation from home to training/practice site at the beginning of the season/preparation for an event and from training/practice/event site to home at the end of season/event);
- (g) Medical treatment and physical therapy;

- (h) Facility usage;
- (i) Entry fees; and
- (j) Other reasonable expenses.

12.02.2.1 Application Unless otherwise permitted by the NCAA constitution or bylaws, actual and necessary expenses may be provided only if such expenses are for competition on a team or in a specific event or for practice that is directly related to such competition. The value of such expenses must be commensurate with the fair market value of similar goods and services in the locality in which the expenses are provided and must not be excessive in nature. Actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual who participates as a member of the team or in a specific event. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.02.3 Calculation of Actual and Necessary Expenses -- Individual Sports and Women's Beach Volleyball. In individual sports and women's beach volleyball, the calculation of an individual's actual and necessary expenses shall be based on expenses incurred during each calendar year (January-December), rather than on an event-by-event basis. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 Immediate; may be applied retroactively to expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2019.)*

12.02.4 Family Member. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

12.02.5 Individual. An individual, for purposes of this bylaw, is any person of any age without reference to enrollment in an educational institution or status as a student-athlete.

12.02.6 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/06)*

- (a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies;
- (b) Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or
- (c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room, entry fees) from the institution for the competition.

12.02.6.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 is exempted from the application of this legislation. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

12.02.6.2 Participation on an Institution's Club Team. Participation on a collegiate institution's club team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution did not sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level at the time of participation. *(Adopted: 6/24/09)*

12.02.7 Limited Benefit -- Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at an NCAA Institution -- Expenses from a Permissible Source. Prior to initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA institution, if an individual receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed the individual's actual and necessary expenses by \$300 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.02.8 Limited Benefit -- Enrolled Student-Athlete -- Expenses from a Permissible Source. If a student-athlete engages in permissible outside competition and receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses by \$300 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected and the institution is not required to submit a self-report of the infraction. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.02.9 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any of the following conditions exists: *(Adopted: 7/31/14)*

- (a) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;
- (b) Official score is kept;
- (c) Individual or team standings are maintained;
- (d) Official timer or game officials are used;
- (e) Admission is charged;
- (f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;
- (g) Team uniforms are used;

(h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or

(i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

12.02.10 Pay. Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by the governing legislation of the Association for participation in athletics.

12.02.11 Professional Athlete. A professional athlete is one who receives any kind of payment, directly or indirectly, for athletics participation except as permitted by the governing legislation of the Association.

12.02.12 Professional Athletics Team. A professional team is any organized team that: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/8/02, 4/23/03, 4/24/04, 10/28/04)*

(a) Provides any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team, except as otherwise permitted by NCAA legislation. Actual and necessary expenses are limited to the items listed in Bylaw 12.02.2, provided the value of these items is commensurate with the fair market value in the locality of the player(s) and is not excessive in nature; or

(b) Declares itself to be professional.

12.02.13 Religious Mission, Official. An official religious mission is one that is established by the religious organization of which the individual is a member and that results in the individual being unable to attend a collegiate institution during the period of the mission. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 4/2/10)*

12.02.14 Student-Athlete. A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department, as specified in Bylaw 20.2.4.6. A student is not deemed a student-athlete solely on the basis of prior high school athletics participation.

12.02.15 Triathlon and Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming. Triathlon and cross country are considered the same sport, triathlon and track and field are considered the same sport, and triathlon and swimming are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.8.3.2. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

12.02.16 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for the purposes of Bylaws 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.8.3.2. *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.1 General Regulations. An individual must comply with the following to retain amateur status. (See Bylaw 12.12 regarding the eligibility restoration process.)

12.1.1 Validity of Amateur Status. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of an institution to determine the validity of the information on which the amateur status of a prospective student-athlete (including two-year and four-year college transfers initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I institution) and student-athlete is based. (See Bylaw 14.01.3.) *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06 for all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 1/8/07, 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1 Amateurism Certification Process. An institution shall use an initial eligibility center approved by the Board of Governors to determine the validity of the information on which the amateur status of a student-athlete is based. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06 for final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 4/30/07, 10/30/14)*

12.1.1.1.1 Scope. The certification of amateur status issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center is limited to activities that occur prior to the prospective student-athlete's request for final amateurism certification or the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.2 Institutional Responsibilities.

12.1.1.1.2.1 Amateur Status After Certification. An institution is responsible for certifying the amateur status of a prospective student-athlete (including two-year and four-year college transfers initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I institution) from the time the prospective student-athlete requests that a final certification be issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center or from the time the prospective student-athlete initially enrolls as a full-time student at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.2.2 Sharing Information and Reporting Discrepancies. If an institution receives additional information or otherwise has cause to believe that a prospective student-athlete's amateur status has been jeopardized, the institution is responsible for promptly notifying the NCAA Eligibility Center of such

information. Further, an institution is responsible for promptly reporting to the NCAA Eligibility Center all discrepancies in information related to a student-athlete's amateurism certification. *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.3 Eligibility for Practice or Competition. Prior to engaging in practice or competition, a student-athlete shall receive a final certification of amateur status based on activities that occur prior to the student-athlete's request for final certification or initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). *(Adopted: 4/30/07)*

12.1.1.1.3.1 Temporary Certification. If a prospective student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student's amateur status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, for a maximum period of 45 days. After this period, the student's amateur status must be certified in order to continue to practice or to compete. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06 for all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 11/29/09)*

12.1.1.1.3.2 Effect of Violations. A violation of Bylaw 12.1.1.1.3 or Bylaw 12.1.1.1.3.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified without conditions shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

12.1.1.1.4 Eligibility for Practice After a Final Not-Certified Certification. After a final not-certified certification is rendered, a student-athlete may continue to engage in practice activities, provided the institution has submitted a notice of appeal. At the point in which all appeal opportunities have been exhausted and no eligibility has been granted, the student-athlete may no longer participate in practice activities. *(Adopted: 3/21/07)*

12.1.2 Amateur Status. An individual loses amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if the individual: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/23/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

- (a) Uses athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport;
- (b) Accepts a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;
- (c) Signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.5.1;
- (d) Receives, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations;
- (e) Competes on any professional athletics team per Bylaw 12.02.12, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.3.2.1;
- (f) After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, enters into a professional draft (see Bylaw 12.2.4); or
- (g) Enters into an agreement with an agent.

12.1.2.1 Prohibited Forms of Pay. "Pay," as used in Bylaw 12.1.2 above, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

12.1.2.1.1 Salary, Gratuity or Compensation. Any direct or indirect salary, gratuity or comparable compensation.

12.1.2.1.2 Division or Split of Surplus. Any division or split of surplus (bonuses, game receipts, etc.).

12.1.2.1.3 Educational Expenses. Educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).

12.1.2.1.3.1 Educational Expenses or Services – Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. A prospective student-athlete may receive educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes) prior to collegiate enrollment from any individual or entity other than an agent, professional sports team/organization, member institution or a representative of an institution's athletics interests, provided the payment for such expenses or services is disbursed directly to the individual, organization or educational institution (e.g., high school, preparatory school) providing the educational expenses or services. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/14/08, 5/1/19)*

12.1.2.1.3.1.1 Professional Sports Team/Organization – Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to collegiate enrollment, a professional sports team/organization may provide payment for educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes) provided to a prospective student-athlete, provided such payment is disbursed directly to the individual, organization or educational institution (e.g., high school, preparatory school) providing the educational expenses or services. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

12.1.2.1.3.2 Educational Expenses From Outside Sports Team or Organization -- After Collegiate Enrollment. Educational expenses provided to an individual after initial collegiate enrollment by an outside sports team or organization that are based on any degree on the recipient's athletics ability [except for financial aid that is received from a team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by an individual who is not a member of that team or organization (see Bylaw 15.2.6.4)], even if the funds are given to the institution to administer to the recipient. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/18/11)*

12.1.2.1.3.2.1 Educational Expenses -- Olympic Committee. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country) pursuant to the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.6.5. *(Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 11/1/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.1.3.2.2 Educational Expenses -- National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country) pursuant to the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.6.5. *(Adopted: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 11/1/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.1.4 Expenses, Awards and Benefits. Excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits.

12.1.2.1.4.1 Cash or Equivalent Award. Cash, or the equivalent thereof (e.g., trust fund), as an award for participation in competition at any time, even if such an award is permitted under the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual is participating. An award or a cash prize that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.1.4.1.1 Exception -- Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. A financial award may be provided to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete being recognized as part of an awards program in which athletics participation, interests or ability is a criterion, but not the sole criterion, in the selection process. Such an award must also include nonathletics criteria, such as the prospective student-athlete's academic record and nonathletics extracurricular activities and may not be based on the prospective student-athlete's place finish or performance in a particular athletics event. In addition, it is permissible for an outside organization (other than a professional sports organization) to provide actual and necessary expenses for the prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's family members) to travel to a recognition event designed to recognize the prospective student-athlete's accomplishments in conjunction with selection as the recipient of a regional, national or international award. *(Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.1.4.1.2 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program. *(Adopted: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.1.4.1.3 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from a country's national Olympic and/or Paralympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.1.4.2 Expenses/Awards Prohibited by Rules Governing Event. Expenses incurred or awards received by an individual that are prohibited by the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual participates.

12.1.2.1.4.3 Expenses from an Outside Sponsor. An individual who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition (directly related to the competition and conducted during a continuous time period preceding the competition) from an outside sponsor (e.g., team, neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). An individual who participates in a sport as an individual (not a member of a team) may receive actual and necessary expenses associated with an athletics event and practice immediately preceding the event, from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). *(Revised: 8/26/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 11/7/13)*

12.1.2.1.4.3.1 Expenses Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Professional Sports Organization. Prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept up to actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition from a professional sports organization that sponsors the event. *(Adopted: 10/16/12)*

12.1.2.1.4.3.2 Expenses/Benefits Related to Olympic or Paralympic Games. Members of an Olympic or Paralympic team may receive all nonmonetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic or Paralympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of that nation's Olympic or Paralympic team or the specific sport Olympic or Paralympic team. *(Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.1.4.4 Expenses for Family Members of Participants in Athletics Competition. Expenses received by the family members of a participant in athletics competition from a nonprofessional organization sponsoring the competition in excess of actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses, or any entertainment expenses, unless such expenses are made available to the family members of all participants in the competition. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/97, 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.1.4.4.1 Postseason Bowl Event. [FBS] On one occasion per year, a student-athlete may designate either additional individuals or substitutes (not to exceed a total of six individuals) to receive entertainment expenses related to an event organized by the nonprofessional sponsor of a postseason bowl game specifically for the family members of student-athletes participating in the postseason bowl. For an institution that participates in an additional postseason game between the winners of two postseason bowl games [see Bylaw 17.11.6.2.1-(d)], a student-athlete may designate either additional individuals or substitutes (not to exceed a total of six individuals) to receive entertainment expenses related to an event organized by the nonprofessional sponsor of the additional game specifically for the family members of student-athletes participating in the additional game. The additional individuals or substitutes designated by the student-athlete shall be subject to the review and approval of the institution's athletics director (or designee). *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 4/25/18, 1/23/19)*

12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance. Any payment conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis that exceeds actual and necessary expenses, or receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.1.2.1.5.1 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program. *(Adopted: 4/26/01, Revised: 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.1.5.2 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from a country's national Olympic and/or Paralympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.1.5.3 Awards Based on Performance in Outside Competition. An individual may receive an award (e.g., trophy, medal, saddle) based on place finish or performance in outside competition, subject to the applicable awards limits (see Bylaw 16.1). *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

12.1.2.1.6 Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services. Preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation or skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/08)*

12.1.2.1.7 Prize for Participation in Institution's Promotional Activity. Receipt of a prize for participation (involving the use of athletics ability) in a member institution's promotional activity that is inconsistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5 or approved official interpretations. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

12.1.2.2 Use of Overall Athletics Skill -- Effect on Eligibility. Participation for pay in competition that involves the use of overall athletics skill (e.g., "superstars" competition) constitutes a violation of the Association's amateur-status regulations; therefore, an individual participating for pay in such competition is ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports. (See Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 for exception related to promotional contests.) *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.3 Road Racing. "Road racing" is essentially the same as cross country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of Bylaws 12.1, 12.2 and 12.8.3.2. Therefore, a student-athlete who

accepts pay in any form for participation in such a race is ineligible for intercollegiate cross country or track and field competition. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.

12.1.2.4.1 Exception for Prize Money Based on Performance -- Sports Other Than Tennis. In sports other than tennis, an individual may accept prize money based on place finish or performance in an athletics event. Such prize money may not exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 12/12/06 applicable to any expenses received by a prospective student-athlete on or after 8/23/06, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.4.2 Exception for Prize Money -- Tennis.

12.1.2.4.2.1 Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. In tennis, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept up to \$10,000 per calendar year in prize money based on place finish or performance in athletics events. Such prize money may be provided only by the sponsor of an event in which the individual participates. Once the individual has accepted \$10,000 in prize money in a particular year, the individual may receive additional prize money on a per-event basis, provided such prize money does not exceed the individual's actual and necessary expenses for participation in the event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 4/26/12, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.1.2.4.2.2 After Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. In tennis, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept prize money based on place finish or performance in an athletics event. Such prize money may not exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.4.3 Exception for Payment Based on Team Performance. An individual may accept payment from an amateur team or the sponsor of the event based on a team's place finish or performance, or given on an incentive basis (e.g., bonus), provided the combination of such payments and expenses provided to the individual does not exceed actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, family member's expenses). *(Adopted: 10/28/10, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18)*

12.1.2.4.4 Exception for Insurance. [A] An individual may borrow against future earnings potential from an established, accredited commercial lending institution for the purpose of purchasing insurance incidental to participation in athletics (e.g., critical injury or illness, loss of value) (see Bylaw 16.11.1.4), provided a third party (including a representative of an institution's athletics interests) is not involved in arrangements for securing the loan. However, an institution's president or chancellor (or a designated representative from outside the department of athletics) may designate an institutional staff member (or staff members) (e.g., professional sports counseling panel) to assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing the loan and insurance. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/16/10, 1/17/15, 8/3/22)*

12.1.2.4.5 Exception for Institutional Fundraising Activities Involving the Athletics Ability of Student-Athletes. Institutional, charitable or educational promotions or fundraising activities that involve the use of athletics ability by a student-athlete to obtain funds (e.g., "swim-a-thons") are permitted only if: *(Revised: 5/11/05)*

- (a) All money derived from the activity or project goes directly to the institution, conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency;
- (b) The student-athlete receive no compensation or prizes for participation; and
- (c) The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.1 are satisfied.

12.1.2.4.6 Exception for U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. An individual may receive the comprehensive benefits of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 10/17/19)*

12.1.2.4.7 Exception for Training Expenses. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) may receive actual and necessary expenses [including grants, but not prize money, whereby the recipient has qualified for the grant based on performance in a specific event(s)] to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board without jeopardizing the individual's

eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity. (*Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 4/27/00, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/17/19*)

12.1.2.4.8 Exception for Developmental Training Expenses for Elite Athletes. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may receive developmental training expenses related to training, coaching, sport experts other than coaches, training partners, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel (including travel for parents or guardians, coaches, sport experts and training partners), room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation). (*Adopted: 1/23/20*)

12.1.2.4.9 Exception for Benefits to Family Members -- National Team Competition. A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for an individual's family members to attend national team competition in which the individual will participate. In addition, an individual's family members may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all national team members in conjunction with participation in national team competition. (See Bylaw 16.02.4.) (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

12.1.2.4.10 Exception for Payment of NCAA Eligibility Center Fee. A high school booster club (as opposed to specific individuals) may pay the necessary fee for prospective student-athletes at that high school to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided no particular prospective student-athlete is singled out because of athletics ability or reputation. (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 5/9/07*)

12.1.2.4.11 Exception for NCAA College Basketball Academy. The NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses for a prospective student-athlete and one individual accompanying the prospective-student athlete to attend an NCAA College Basketball Academy per the policies and procedures of the NCAA College Basketball Academy. (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19*)

12.1.2.4.12 Exception for Camp or Academy Sponsored by a Professional Sports Organization. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from a professional sports organization to attend an academy, camp or clinic, provided: (*Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02*)

- (a) No NCAA institution or conference owns or operates the academy, camp or clinic;
- (b) No camp participant is above the age of 15;
- (c) The professional sports organization provides to the participants nothing more than actual and necessary expenses to attend the camp or clinic and equipment/apparel necessary for participation;
- (d) Athletics ability or achievements may not be the sole criterion for selecting participants; and
- (e) Academy participants must be provided with academic services (e.g., tutoring).

12.1.2.4.13 Exception for Receipt of Free Equipment and Apparel Items by a Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for prospective student-athletes (as opposed to student-athletes) to receive free equipment and apparel items for personal use from apparel or equipment manufacturers or distributors under the following circumstances: (*Adopted: 1/11/97*)

- (a) The apparel or equipment items are related to the prospective student-athlete's sport and are received directly from an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor;
- (b) The prospective student-athlete does not enter into an arrangement (e.g., open account) with an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor that permits the prospective student-athlete to select apparel and equipment items from a commercial establishment of the manufacturer or distributor; and
- (c) A member institution's coach is not involved in any manner in identifying or assisting an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor in determining whether a prospective student-athlete is to receive any apparel or equipment items.

12.1.2.4.14 Expenses for Participation in Olympic or Paralympic Exhibitions. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or the nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event to participate in Olympic or Paralympic tours or exhibitions involving Olympic or Paralympic team members and/or members of the national team, provided that if the individual

is a student-athlete, no class time is missed, and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition. *(Adopted: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.4.15 Commemorative Items for Student-Athletes Participating in Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events. It is permissible for student-athletes to receive commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body. These benefits may include any and all apparel, leisure wear, footwear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event. *(Adopted: 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 1/14/12, 1/22/20)*

12.1.2.4.16 Exception -- NCAA First-Team Program. A prospective student-athlete who is a participant in the NCAA First-Team Mentoring Program may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend the First-Team Program's annual educational conference and training seminar. *(Adopted: 8/7/03)*

12.1.3 Amateur Status if Professional in Another Sport. A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport and may receive institutional financial assistance in the second sport. *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

12.2 Involvement With Professional Teams.

12.2.1 Tryouts.

12.2.1.1 Tryout Before Enrollment -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In men's ice hockey and skiing, a student-athlete remains eligible in a sport even though, prior to enrollment in a collegiate institution, the student-athlete may have tried out with a professional athletics team in a sport or received not more than one expense-paid visit from each professional team (or a combine including that team), provided such a visit did not exceed 48 hours and any payment or compensation in connection with the visit was not in excess of actual and necessary expenses. The 48-hour tryout period begins at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation. A self-financed tryout may be for any length of time. *(Revised: 12/22/08, 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.1.1.1 Exception for National Hockey League Scouting Combine -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, prior to full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution, a prospective student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the National Hockey League (NHL) to attend the NHL scouting combine, regardless of the duration of the combine. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

12.2.1.2 Tryout Before Enrollment -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate in a tryout with a professional team or league, provided not more than actual and necessary expenses is received to participate. *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.1.3 Tryout After Enrollment. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who has eligibility remaining may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) at any time, provided the individual does not miss class. The individual may receive actual and necessary expenses in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team (or a combine including that team). The 48-hour tryout period shall begin at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation. A self-financed tryout may be for any length of time, provided the individual does not miss class. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/24/03, 5/26/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

12.2.1.3.1 Exception for Basketball Draft Combine. In basketball, a student-athlete may accept actual and necessary travel, and room and board expenses from a professional sports organization to attend that organization's basketball draft combine regardless of the duration of the camp. [See Bylaw 14.6.4-(e).] *(Adopted: 4/23/03, Revised: 5/26/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/7/13)*

12.2.1.3.2 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual may receive actual and necessary expenses each year in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team and in conjunction with a professional organization's draft combine. An individual who is invited to participate in a professional organization's draft combine is permitted to miss class for such participation and associated travel. *(Adopted: 1/14/16)*

12.2.1.3.3 Exception for National Hockey League Scouting Combine -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, a student-athlete may accept actual and necessary travel, and room and board expenses from the National Hockey League (NHL) to attend the NHL scouting combine, regardless of the duration of the combine. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

12.2.1.3.4 Exception -- Postseason Practice Session -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete may participate in a postseason practice per Bylaw 17.11.7.4 without such activity being considered a tryout with a professional team. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

12.2.1.3.5 Outside Competition Prohibited. During a tryout, an individual may not take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

12.2.2 Practice Without Competition.

12.2.2.1 Practice Without Competition -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In men's ice hockey and skiing, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided such participation meets the requirements of NCAA legislation governing tryouts with professional athletics teams (see Bylaw 12.2.1) and the individual does not: *(Revised: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10)*

- (a) Receive any compensation for participation in the practice sessions;
- (b) Enter into any contract or agreement with a professional team or sports organization; or
- (c) Take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

12.2.2.2 Practice Without Competition -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing.

12.2.2.2.1 Before Enrollment. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided not more than actual and necessary expenses is received to participate. *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.2.2.2 After Enrollment. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided such participation meets the requirements of Bylaw 12.2.1.3 and the individual does not: *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10)*

- (a) Receive any compensation for participation in the practice sessions;
- (b) Enter into any contract or agreement with a professional team or sports organization; or
- (c) Take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

12.2.2.3 Prohibited Involvement of Institution's Coach. An institution's coaching staff member may not arrange for or direct student-athletes' participation in football or basketball practice sessions conducted by a professional team.

12.2.3 Competition.

12.2.3.1 Competition Against Professionals. An individual may participate singly or as a member of an amateur team against professional athletes or professional teams. *(Revised: 8/24/07)*

12.2.3.2 Competition With Professionals. An individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport if the individual ever competed on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.12) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment or prize money that exceeds actual and necessary expenses, which may only be provided by the sponsor of the event. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/14, 7/31/15)*

12.2.3.2.1 Exception -- Competition Before Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may compete on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.12), provided the individual does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.3.2.2 Professional Player as Team Member. An individual may participate with a professional on a team, provided the professional is not being paid by a professional team or league to play as a member of that team (e.g., summer basketball leagues with teams composed of both professional and amateur athletes).

12.2.3.2.3 Professional Coach or Referee. Participation on a team that includes a professional coach or referee does not cause the team to be classified as a professional team.

12.2.3.2.4 Major Junior Ice Hockey. Ice hockey teams in the United States and Canada, classified by the Canadian Hockey Association as major junior teams, are considered professional teams under NCAA legislation.

12.2.3.2.4.1 Limitation on Restoration of Eligibility. An appeal for restoration of eligibility may be submitted on behalf of an individual who has participated on a major junior ice hockey team under the provisions of Bylaw 12.12; however, such individual shall be denied at least the first year of intercollegiate athletics competition in ice hockey at the certifying institution and shall be charged with the loss of at least one season of eligibility in ice hockey. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

12.2.3.2.5 Exception -- Olympic, Paralympic or National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athletes) to participate on Olympic, Paralympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses). *(Adopted: 8/8/02, Revised: 1/22/20)*

12.2.3.3 Competition in Professional All-Star Contest. A student-athlete who agrees to participate in a professional (players to be paid) all-star game becomes ineligible to compete in any intercollegiate contest that occurs after that agreement. Thus, a senior entering into such an agreement immediately following the last regular-season intercollegiate contest would not be eligible to compete in a bowl game, an NCAA championship or any other postseason intercollegiate contest.

12.2.4 Draft and Inquiry.

12.2.4.1 Inquiry. An individual may inquire of a professional sports organization about eligibility for a professional-league player draft or request information about the individual's market value without affecting the individual's amateur status.

12.2.4.2 Draft List. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual loses amateur status in a particular sport when the individual asks to be placed on the draft list or supplemental draft list of a professional league in that sport, even though: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) The individual asks to be removed from the draft list prior to the actual draft;
- (b) The individual's name remains on the list but the individual is not drafted; or
- (c) The individual is drafted but does not sign an agreement with any professional athletics team.

12.2.4.2.1 Exception -- Men's Basketball -- Four-Year College Student-Athlete.

12.2.4.2.1.1 National Basketball Association. In men's basketball, a student-athlete may enter the National Basketball Association's draft each year during collegiate participation without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided: *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

- (a) The student-athlete requests an evaluation from the National Basketball Association's Undergraduate Advisory Committee before entering the draft;
- (b) The student-athlete requests to be removed from the draft list and declares the intent to resume intercollegiate participation not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA draft combine;
- (c) The student-athlete's declaration of intent is submitted in writing to the institution's director of athletics; and
- (d) The student-athlete is not drafted.

12.2.4.2.1.2 Professional League Other Than the National Basketball Association. In men's basketball, a student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft (other than the National Basketball Association's draft) each year during the student-athlete's four-year college participation without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided: *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/16, 8/8/18)*

- (a) The student-athlete requests to be removed from the draft list and declares the intent to resume intercollegiate participation not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the professional league's draft combine. If the professional league does not conduct a draft combine, the student-athlete must request to be removed from the draft list not later than the end of the day before the first day of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period for the applicable year;
- (b) The student-athlete's declaration of intent is submitted in writing to the institution's director of athletics; and
- (c) The student-athlete is not drafted.

12.2.4.2.2 Exception -- Basketball -- Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athlete. In basketball, a prospective student-athlete enrolled at a two-year collegiate institution may enter a professional league's draft one time during the prospective student-athlete's two-year college participation without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the prospective student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

12.2.4.2.3 Exception -- Women's Basketball -- Four-Year College Student-Athlete. In women's basketball, a student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft one time during collegiate participation without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares the intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 30 days after the draft. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 4/16/97, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/8/18)*

12.2.4.2.4 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete (as opposed to a prospective student-athlete) may enter the National Football League draft one time during collegiate participation without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares the intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 72 hours following the National Football League draft declaration date. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics. *(Adopted: 10/31/02, Revised: 4/14/03, 12/15/06)*

12.2.4.2.5 Exception -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. A student-athlete in a sport other than basketball or football may enter a professional league's draft one time during collegiate participation without jeopardizing eligibility in the applicable sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted and, within 72 hours following the draft, declares the intention to resume participation in intercollegiate athletics. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

12.2.4.3 Negotiations. An individual may request information about professional market value without affecting amateur status. Further, the individual (or family members) or the institution's professional sports counseling panel may enter into negotiations with a professional sports organization without the loss of the individual's amateur status. An individual who retains an agent shall lose amateur status. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.2.5 Contracts and Compensation. An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if the individual has entered into any kind of agreement to compete in professional athletics, either orally or in writing, regardless of the legal enforceability of that agreement. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

12.2.5.1 Exception -- Before Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may enter into an agreement to compete on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.12), provided the agreement does not guarantee or promise payment (at any time) in excess of actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.5.2 Nonbinding Agreement. An individual who signs a contract or commitment that does not become binding until the professional organization's representative or agent also signs the document is ineligible, even if the contract remains unsigned by the other parties until after the student-athlete's eligibility is exhausted.

12.3 Use of Agents. [A]

12.3.1 General Rule. [A] An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if the individual ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

12.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey -- Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. [A] In baseball and men's ice hockey, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who is drafted by a professional baseball or men's ice hockey team may be represented by an agent or attorney during contract negotiations. The individual may not receive benefits (other than representation) from the agent or attorney and must pay the going rate for the representation. If the individual does not sign a contract with the professional team, the agreement for representation with the agent or attorney must be terminated prior to full-time collegiate enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/15/16, Revised: 1/19/18)*

12.3.1.2 Exception -- NCAA-Certified Agents -- Men's Basketball. [A]

12.3.1.2.1 Elite Senior Prospective Student-Athletes. [A] In men's basketball, on or after July 1 immediately before the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, a prospective student-athlete identified as an elite senior in accordance with established policies and procedures may be represented by an NCAA-certified agent (see

Bylaw 12.02.1.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18 Applicability to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft., Revised: 6/12/19)*

12.3.1.2.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes and Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- After Request for Evaluation From NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee. [A] In men's basketball, after the conclusion of the playing season, a student-athlete or a two-year college prospective student-athlete who has requested an evaluation from the NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee may be represented by an NCAA-certified agent (see Bylaw 12.02.1.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.3 Expenses From an NCAA-Certified Agent. [A]

12.3.1.2.3.1 Expenses Before Agreement. [A] Before signing a written agreement with an NCAA-certified agent, a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete (and family members) who is eligible to be represented by an NCAA-certified agent may receive transportation and meals from an NCAA-certified agent in the locale where the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is located (e.g., locale of home or institution) in conjunction with the process to select an agent. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 For an elite senior high school prospective student-athlete, effective date to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft. Expenses permissible after appropriate changes to the Uniform Athlete Agent Act, Revised Uniform Athlete Agent Act and relevant state laws.)*

12.3.1.2.3.2 Expenses After Agreement. [A] After signing a written agreement with an NCAA-certified agent, the agent may provide the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete (and family members) with transportation, lodging and meals associated with meeting with the agent or a professional team. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 For an elite senior high school prospective student-athlete, effective date to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft. For an enrolled student-athlete or two-year college prospective student-athlete, effective immediately.)*

12.3.1.2.4 No Missed Class Time. [A] A prospective or enrolled student-athlete shall not miss class in conjunction with the agent selection process or to meet with an agent or professional team. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.5 Written Agreement. [A] An agreement between a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete and an NCAA-certified agent shall be in writing. An agreement that involves a prospective student-athlete shall be disclosed to the NCAA national office. An agreement that involves a student-athlete shall be disclosed to the student-athlete's institution. If a high school prospective student-athlete does not sign a contract with a professional team, the agreement must be terminated before full-time enrollment. If a student-athlete or two-year college prospective student-athlete does not sign a contract with a professional team, the agreement must be terminated before full-time enrollment in the ensuing regular academic term. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.6 Compensation for Representation. [A] A prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is not required to compensate an NCAA-certified agent for services provided. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.3 Representation for Future Negotiations. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if the individual enters into an oral or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed eligibility in that sport.

12.3.1.4 Benefits from Prospective Agents. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if the individual (or family members or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/16/19)*

- (a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or
- (b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of the student-athlete's athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport.

12.3.1.5 Exception -- Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. [A] A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses athletics ability. *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

12.3.2 Legal Counsel. [A] Securing advice from a lawyer concerning a proposed professional sports contract shall not be considered contracting for representation by an agent under this rule, unless the lawyer also represents the individual in negotiations for such a contract.

12.3.2.1 Presence of a Lawyer at Negotiations. [A] A lawyer may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional organization or have any direct contact (in person, by telephone or by mail) with a professional sports organization on behalf of the individual. A lawyer's presence during such discussions is considered representation by an agent.

12.3.3 Athletics Scholarship Agent. [A] Any individual, agency or organization that represents a prospective student-athlete for compensation in placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid shall be considered an agent or organization marketing the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

12.3.3.1 Talent Evaluation Services and Agents. [A] A prospective student-athlete may allow a scouting service or agent to distribute personal information (e.g., high school academic and athletics records, physical statistics) to member institutions without jeopardizing athletics eligibility, provided the fee paid to such an agent is not based on placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid.

12.3.4 Professional Sports Counseling Panel. [A] It is permissible for an authorized institutional professional sports counseling panel to: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/16/10)*

- (a) Advise a student-athlete about a future professional career;
- (b) Assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing a loan for the purpose of purchasing insurance against a disabling injury or illness and with arrangements for purchasing such insurance;
- (c) Review a proposed professional sports contract;
- (d) Meet with the student-athlete and representatives of professional teams;
- (e) Communicate directly with representatives of a professional athletics team to assist in securing a tryout with that team for a student-athlete;
- (f) Assist the student-athlete in the selection of an agent by participating with the student-athlete in interviews of agents, by reviewing written information player agents send to the student-athlete and by having direct communication with those individuals who can comment about the abilities of an agent (e.g., other agents, a professional league's players association); and
- (g) Visit with player agents or representatives of professional athletics teams to assist the student-athlete in determining market value (e.g., potential salary, draft status).

12.3.4.1 Appointment by President or Chancellor. [A] This panel shall consist of at least three persons appointed by the institution's president or chancellor (or a designated representative from outside the athletics department). *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

12.3.4.2 Composition. [A] The majority of panel members shall be full-time employees outside the institution's athletics department. No sports agent or any person employed by a sports agent or agency may be a member of the panel. All panel members shall be identified to the NCAA national office. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/05, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

12.4 Employment.

12.4.1 Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes. Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete: **[R]** *(Revised: 11/22/04, 4/19/19 for violations occurring on or after 4/19/19)*

- (a) Only for work actually performed; and
- (b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

12.4.1.1 Athletics Reputation. Such compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following obtained because of athletics ability.

12.4.2 Specific Athletically Related Employment Activities.

12.4.2.1 Fee-for-Lesson Instruction. A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in the student-athlete's sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/23/19)*

- (a) Institutional facilities are not used;
- (b) Playing lessons shall not be permitted;
- (c) The compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or the recipient's family member) and not another individual or entity;
- (d) Instruction to each individual is comparable to the instruction that would be provided during a private lesson when the instruction involves more than one individual at a time; and
- (e) The student-athlete's name, picture or appearance is not used to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lesson sessions.

12.4.2.2 National Team Practice and Competition. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments). **[R]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

12.4.2.3 Athletics Equipment Sales. A student-athlete may not be employed to sell equipment related to the student-athlete's sport if the student-athlete's name, picture or athletics reputation is used to advertise or promote the product, the job or the employer. If the student-athlete's name, picture or athletics reputation is not used for advertising or promotion, the student-athlete may be employed in a legitimate sales position, provided the student-athlete is reimbursed at an hourly rate or set salary in the same manner as any nonathlete salesperson. **[R]**

12.4.2.4 Goodwill Tour Commissions. A student-athlete representing the institution in a goodwill tour during summer months, in conjunction with the tour, may sell such items as jackets, blazers or similar institutional promotional items to booster groups or other friends of the institution on a salary, but not a commission, basis. **[R]**

12.4.3 Camp/Clinic Employment, General Rule. A student-athlete may be employed by the student-athlete's institution, by another institution, or by a private organization to work in a camp or clinic as a counselor, unless otherwise restricted by NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 13.12 for regulations relating to camps and clinics).

12.4.4 Self-Employment. [A] A student-athlete may establish a business, provided the student-athlete's name, photograph, appearance or athletics reputation is not used to promote the business. *(Adopted: 12/12/06)*

12.5 Promotional Activities.

12.5.1 Permissible.

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions. An institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 11/12/97, 4/26/01, 4/28/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/6/08, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

- (a) The student-athlete's participation is subject to the limitations on participants in such activities as set forth in Bylaw 17;
- (b) The specific activity or project in which the student-athlete participates does not involve co-sponsorship, advertisement or promotion by a commercial agency other than through the reproduction of the sponsoring company's officially registered regular trademark or logo on printed materials such as pictures, posters or calendars. The company's emblem, name, address, telephone number and website address may be included with the trademark or logo. Personal names, messages and slogans (other than an officially registered trademark) are prohibited;
- (c) The name or picture of a student-athlete with remaining eligibility may not appear on an institution's printed promotional item (e.g., poster, calendar) that includes a reproduction of a product with which a commercial entity is associated if the commercial entity's officially registered regular trademark or logo also appears on the item;
- (d) The student-athlete does not miss class;
- (e) All moneys derived from the activity or project go directly to the institution, conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency;
- (f) The student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the institution, conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency related to participation in such activity;
- (g) The student-athlete's name, picture or appearance is not used to promote the commercial ventures of any nonprofit agency;
- (h) Any commercial items with names, likenesses or pictures of multiple student-athletes (other than highlight films or media guides per Bylaw 12.5.1.7) may be sold only at the institution in which student-athletes are enrolled, the institution's conference, institutionally controlled (owned and operated) outlets or outlets controlled by the charitable, educational or nonprofit organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site of charitable event during the event). Items that include an individual student-athlete's name, picture or likeness (e.g., name on jersey, name or likeness on a bobble-head doll), other than informational items (e.g., media guide, schedule cards, institutional publications), may not be sold; and
- (i) The student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency affirm that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section.

12.5.1.1.1 Promotions Involving NCAA Championships, Events, Activities or Programs. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use

the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships or other NCAA events, activities or programs. *(Adopted: 8/7/03)*

12.5.1.1.2 Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors. An institution, a conference or a charitable, educational or nonprofit organization may use the appearance, name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to promote generally its fundraising activities at the location of a commercial establishment, provided the commercial establishment is not a co-sponsor of the event and the student-athlete does not promote the sale of a commercial product in conjunction with the fundraising activity. A commercial establishment would become a co-sponsor if the commercial establishment either advertises the presence of the student-athlete at the commercial location or is involved directly or indirectly in promoting the activity. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

12.5.1.1.3 Distribution of Institutional Items through Commercial Outlets. An institution may distribute noncommercial items that include names or pictures of student-athletes (items not for sale) at commercial establishments, provided the institution generally distributes such items to other commercial establishments in the community and the distribution of the items does not require the recipient to make a purchase at the commercial establishment. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 5/21/08)*

12.5.1.1.4 Player/Trading Cards. An institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may distribute but may not sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

12.5.1.1.4.1 Exception -- Olympic, Paralympic or National Team. A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic, Paralympic or national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic, Paralympic or national team. *(Adopted: 1/6/96, Revised: 1/22/20)*

12.5.1.1.5 Schedule Cards. An advertisement on an institution's wallet-size playing schedule that includes the name or picture of a student-athlete may include language other than the commercial product's name, trademark or logo, provided the commercial language does not appear on the same page as the picture of the student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/08, 5/21/08)*

12.5.1.1.6 Effect of Violations. The following violations of Bylaw 12.5.1.1 shall be considered institutional violations; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected: *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/26/07, 10/29/09, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

- (a) An institution, without the student-athlete's knowledge or consent, uses or permits the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner contrary to Bylaw 12.5.1.1; or
- (b) A violation in which the only condition of the legislation not satisfied is the requirement that the student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency affirm that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of Bylaw 12.5.1.1, provided the affirmation would have been given if requested.

12.5.1.2 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body Advertisement Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. Prior to initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may receive payment for the display of athletics skill in a commercial advertisement, provided: *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 10/17/19)*

- (a) The individual receives prior approval to appear in the advertisement from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the applicable national governing body;
- (b) The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body approves of the content and the production of the advertisement;
- (c) The individual forwards the payment to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body for the general use of the organization(s); and
- (d) The funds are not earmarked for the individual.

12.5.1.3 Continuation of Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities After Enrollment. **[A]** If an individual accepts remuneration for or permits the use of the individual's name or picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service prior to enrollment in a member institution, continued remuneration for the use of the individual's name or picture (under the same or similar circumstances) after enrollment is permitted without jeopardizing eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics only if all of the following conditions apply: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 3/10/04)*

- (a) The individual's involvement in this type of activity was initiated before enrollment in a member institution;

- (b) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;
- (c) No reference is made in these activities to the individual's name or involvement in intercollegiate athletics;
- (d) The individual does not endorse the commercial product; and
- (e) The individual's remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skills and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

12.5.1.4 Congratulatory Advertisement. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture, or the group picture of an institution's athletics squad, to appear in an advertisement of a particular business, commercial product or service, provided: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 5/21/08)*

- (a) The primary purpose of the advertisement is to publicize the sponsor's congratulations to the student-athlete or team;
- (b) The advertisement does not include a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated or any other item or description identifying the business or service other than its name or trademark;
- (c) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or service of the advertiser;
- (d) The student-athlete has not signed a consent or release granting permission to use the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of this section; and
- (e) If the student-athlete has received a prize from a commercial sponsor in conjunction with participation in a promotional contest and the advertisement involves the announcement of receipt of the prize, the receipt of the prize is consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 and official interpretations.

12.5.1.5 Educational Products Related to Sport-Skill Instruction. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture to appear in books, articles and other publications, films, videotapes, and other types of electronic reproduction related to sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instruction, provided: *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/23/19)*

- (a) Such print and electronic media productions are for educational purposes;
- (b) There is no indication that the student-athlete expressly or implicitly endorses a commercial product or service;
- (c) The student-athlete does not receive, under any circumstances, any remuneration for such participation; however, the student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to participation; and
- (d) The student-athlete has signed a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name or image is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section.

12.5.1.6 Camps. An institutional or privately owned camp may use a student-athlete's name, picture and institutional affiliation only in the camp counselor section in its camp brochure to identify the student-athlete as a staff member. A student-athlete's name or picture may not be used in any other way to directly advertise or promote the camp. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/17/02, 7/12/04, 1/9/06)*

12.5.1.7 Promotion by Third Party of Highlight Video or Media Guide. Any party other than the institution or a student-athlete (e.g., a distribution company) may sell and distribute an institutional highlight video or an institutional or conference media guide that contains the names and pictures of enrolled student-athletes only if: *(Revised: 1/16/93)*

- (a) The institution specifically designates any agency that is authorized to receive orders for the video or media guide;
- (b) Sales and distribution activities have the written approval of the institution's athletics director;
- (c) The distribution company or a retail store is precluded from using the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete in any poster or other advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the video or media guide; and
- (d) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or services of the advertiser.

12.5.1.8 Promotion of NCAA and Conference Championships. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or picture of a student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may appear in a poster that promotes a conference championship, provided the poster is produced by a member that hosts a portion of the championship or by the conference. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 8/7/03)*

12.5.1.9 Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships as specified in this section. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/12, 1/22/20)*

12.5.1.9.1 Sale and Distribution of Promotional Items. Promotional items (e.g., posters, postcards, film, videotapes) bearing the name or picture of a student-athlete and related to these events may be sold or distributed by the national or international sports governing body sponsoring these events or its designated third-party distributors. It is not permissible for such organizations to sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture, except as noted in Bylaw 12.5.1.1.4.1. Promotional items may include a corporate sponsor's trademark or logo but not a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated. The name or picture of the student-athlete may not be used by the distribution company or retail store on any advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the commercial item. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

12.5.1.9.1.1 Corporate Sponsors. A corporate sponsor may sell a promotional item related to these events that uses the name or picture of a team but not an individual student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

12.5.2 Nonpermissible.

12.5.2.1 Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete. After becoming a student-athlete, a student-athlete shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the student-athlete:

- (a) Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of the student-athlete's name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; or
- (b) Receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the student-athlete's use of such product or service.

12.5.2.1.1 Exceptions. The individual's eligibility will not be affected, provided the individual participated in such activities prior to enrollment and the individual:

- (a) Meets the conditions set forth in Bylaw 12.5.1.3 that would permit continuation of such activities; or
- (b) Takes appropriate steps upon becoming a student-athlete to retract permission for the use of the individual's name or picture and ceases receipt of any remuneration for such an arrangement.

12.5.2.1.2 Improper Use of Student-Athlete's Name or Picture. If an institution, without the student-athlete's knowledge or consent, uses or permits the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner contrary to Bylaw 12.5.2.1, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. (*Adopted: 1/11/97*)

12.5.2.2 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Picture Without Knowledge or Permission. If a student-athlete's name or picture appears on commercial items (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, serving trays, playing cards, posters) or is used to promote a commercial product sold by an individual or agency without the student-athlete's knowledge or permission, the student-athlete (or the institution acting on behalf of the student-athlete) is required to take steps to stop such an activity in order to retain eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. Such steps are not required in cases in which a student-athlete's photograph is sold by an individual or agency (e.g., private photographer, news agency) for private use. (*Revised: 1/11/97, 5/12/05*)

12.5.2.3 Specifically Restricted Activities. A student-athlete's involvement in promotional activities specified in this section is prohibited.

12.5.2.3.1 Name-the-Player Contest. A student-athlete may not permit use of the student-athlete's name or picture in a "name-the-player" contest conducted by a commercial business for the purpose of promoting that business.

12.5.2.3.2 Athletics Equipment Advertisement. A student-athlete's name or picture may not be used by an athletics equipment company or manufacturer to publicize the fact that the institution's team uses its equipment.

12.5.2.3.3 Promotional Contests. Receipt of a prize for winning an institutional or noninstitutional promotional activity (e.g., making a half-court basketball shot, being involved in a money scramble) by a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete (or a family member) does not affect athletics eligibility, provided the prize is won through a random drawing in which all members of the general public or the student body are eligible to participate. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 3/25/05, 6/12/07*)

12.5.2.4 Other Promotional Activities. A student-athlete may not participate in any promotional activity that is not permitted under Bylaw 12.5.1. (*Adopted: 11/1/01*)

12.5.3 Media Activities. A student-athlete may participate in media activities, including but not limited to, radio, television and internet-based programs (e.g., coaches' shows), and writing projects when the student-athlete's appearance or participation is related in any way to status as a student-athlete. The student-athlete shall not receive any remuneration for participation in the activity. The student-athlete shall not make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service. The student-athlete may, however, receive actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation in the activity. A student-athlete participating in such media activities may not miss class, except for class time missed in conjunction

with away-from-home competition or to participate in an NCAA or conference-sponsored media activity. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/14/97, 1/9/06, 4/27/06, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

12.5.4 Use of Commercial Trademarks or Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel. A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 2/16/00, 5/27/11)*

- (a) Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
- (b) The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

12.5.4.1 Laundry Label. If an institution's uniform or any item of apparel worn by a student-athlete in competition contains washing instructions on the outside of the apparel on a patch that also includes the manufacturer's or distributor's logo or trademark, the entire patch must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (rectangle, square, parallelogram) that does not exceed 2-1/4 square inches. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

12.5.4.2 Pre- or Postgame Activities. The restriction on the size of a manufacturer's or distributor's logo is applicable to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of the institution's competition, which includes any pre- or postgame activities (e.g., postgame celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences) involving student-athletes. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

12.5.4.3 Outside Team Uniforms and Apparel. The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4-(b) do not apply to the official uniforms and apparel worn by outside teams.

12.5.4.4 Title-Sponsor Recognition. Racing bibs and similar competition identification materials (e.g., bowl-game patches) worn by participants may include the name of the corporate sponsor of the competition, provided the involved commercial company is the sole title sponsor of the competition. **[D]**

12.6 Financial Donations From Outside Organizations.

12.6.1 Professional Sports Organizations.

12.6.1.1 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/14/12)*

12.6.1.2 Developmental Funds to NCAA. A professional sports organization may provide funds for intercollegiate athletics developmental purposes in a particular sport (e.g., officiating expenses, research and educational projects, the conduct of summer leagues, purchase of equipment). However, such funds shall be provided in an unrestricted manner and administered through the Association's national office.

12.6.1.3 To Institution, Permissible. A member institution may receive funds from a professional sports organization, provided: *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/14/12, 4/17/12)*

- (a) The money is placed in the institution's general fund and used for purposes other than athletics;
- (b) The money is placed in the institution's general scholarship fund and commingled with funds for the assistance of all students generally;
- (c) The money is received by the institution as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the institution's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions; or
- (d) The money is received by the institution as a result of a reciprocal contractual marketing relationship and is placed in the athletics department's budget for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting any institutionally sponsored sport other than football and men's basketball.

12.6.1.4 To Conference, Permissible. A member conference may receive funds from a professional sports organization, provided the money is received by the conference as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the conference's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions. (*Adopted: 1/14/12*)

12.6.1.5 To Institution, Nonpermissible. A member institution shall not accept funds from a professional sports organization if:

- (a) The funds are for the purpose of recognizing the development of a former student-athlete in a particular sport. The receipt of such funds by an institution would make additional money available that could benefit student-athletes and thus result in student-athletes indirectly receiving funds from a professional sports organization;
- (b) The money, even though not earmarked by the donor, is received and credited to institutional funds for the financial assistance of student-athletes generally; or
- (c) The money is placed in the institution's general fund and credited to the athletics department for an unspecified purpose.

12.6.1.6 Revenues Derived from Pro-Am Events. The distribution of revenues from an event involving an intercollegiate athletics team and a professional sports team (e.g., a baseball game in which a member institution's team plays against a professional baseball team) or pro-am event (e.g., golf, tennis) that results in a member institution's receiving a share of receipts from such a contest is permitted, provided the institution has a formal agreement with the professional sports team regarding the institution's guarantee or share of receipts and the contractual terms are consistent with agreements made by the professional team or individuals for similar intercollegiate or nonprofessional competition.

12.6.1.7 Promotion of Professional Athletics Contests. A member institution may host and promote an athletics contest between two professional teams from recognized professional sports leagues as a fundraising activity for the institution. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

12.6.1.8 Reciprocal Marketing Agreements -- Sports Other Than Football and Men's Basketball. In sports other than football and men's basketball, an institution's marketing department may enter into a reciprocal contractual relationship with a professional sports organization for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an institutionally sponsored sport. (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 2/17/12*)

12.6.2 Organizations (Nonprofessional Sports Organizations).

12.6.2.1 Individual Athletics Performance. A member institution shall not accept funds donated from a nonprofessional sports organization based on the place finish of a student-athlete or the number of student-athletes representing the institution in an event. However, the organization may donate an equal amount of funds to every institution with an athlete or team participating in a particular event.

12.6.2.2 Individual and Team Rankings. A member institution may accept funds donated to its athletics program from a nonprofessional sports organization based on an individual's or a team's national or regional ranking. (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

12.6.2.3 Academic Performance. A member institution may accept funds donated to its athletics program from a nonprofessional sports organization based on an individual's or a team's academic performance (e.g., the number of Academic All-American award recipients).

12.7 Athletics Eligibility Requirements.

12.7.1 Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games, the student-athlete shall meet all eligibility requirements.

12.7.1.1 Postseason Competition -- Midyear Enrollees -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer) is not eligible to participate in postseason competition that occurs before or during the student-athlete's initial term of full-time enrollment at the institution. (*Adopted: 6/13/18*)

12.7.2 Student-Athlete Statement.

12.7.2.1 Content and Purpose. Prior to participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Legislative Committee in which the student-athlete submits information related to eligibility, recruitment, financial aid, amateur status, previous positive-drug tests administered by any other athletics organization and involvement in organized gambling activities related to intercollegiate or professional athletics competition under the Association's governing legislation. Failure to complete and sign the statement shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation in all intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility if the violation occurred due to an institutional administrative error or oversight, and the

student-athlete subsequently signs the form; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97, 2/19/97, 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.7.2.2 Administration. The statement shall be administered to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee prior to the student's participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year, and the statement shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Revised: 8/4/89, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

12.7.2.3 Institutional Responsibility -- Notification of Positive Test. The institution shall promptly notify the NCAA's chief medical officer, in writing, regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive test for banned substances administered by any other athletics organization. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.7.3 Drug-Testing Consent Form.

12.7.3.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a form maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and approved by the Legislative Committee in which the student consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation. Failure to complete and sign the consent form prior to practice or competition, or before the Monday of the fourth week of classes (whichever occurs first) shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation (practice and competition) in all intercollegiate athletics. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/24/03, 8/5/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.7.3.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the form (see Bylaw 20.2.4.8): *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/27/00, 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 1/23/19)*

- (a) The consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee each academic year; and
- (b) The athletics director or the athletics director's designee shall disseminate the list of banned drug classes to all student-athletes and educate them about products that might contain banned drugs. All student-athletes are to be notified that the list may change during the academic year, that updates may be found on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org) and informed of the appropriate athletics department procedures for disseminating updates to the list; and
- (c) The consent form shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

12.7.3.3 Exception -- 14-Day Grace Period. A student-athlete who is "trying out" for a team is not required to complete the form until 14 days from the first date the student-athlete engages in countable athletically related activities or before the student-athlete participates in a competition, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.7.3.4 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 12.7.3 or its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete signs the consent form. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 7/30/10)*

12.7.4 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/ Buckley Amendment Consent Form -- Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

12.7.4.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete may voluntarily sign a statement in a form maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and approved by the Legislative Committee in which the student-athlete authorizes/consents to the institution's physicians, athletics directors and health care personnel to disclose the student-athlete's injury/illness and participation information associated with the student-athlete's training and participation in intercollegiate athletics to the NCAA and to its Injury Surveillance Program (ISP), agents and employees for the purpose of conducting research into the reduction of athletics injuries. The authorization/consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.7.4.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the form: *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

- (a) The authorization/consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee before the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics each academic year.
- (b) Signing the authorization/consent shall be voluntary and is not required by the student-athlete's institution for medical treatment, payment for treatment, enrollment in a health plan or for any benefits (if applicable) and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate.

12.7.5 Eligibility Requirements for Male Students to Practice With Women's Teams. A male student may engage in practice sessions with women's teams subject to the following conditions: (*Revised: 5/12/05, 5/29/08, 7/31/14, 4/26/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

- (a) A male student who practices with an institution's women's team must be verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.2.1 and must have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8.1);
- (b) It is not permissible for an institution to provide a male student financial assistance (room and board, tuition and fees, and books) in return for practicing with a women's team. A male student who is receiving financial aid or any compensation for serving in any position in the athletics department may not practice with a women's team. A male student-athlete who is a counter in a men's sport may not engage in practice sessions with an institution's women's team in any sport;
- (c) It is not permissible for an institution to provide a male student room and board to remain on campus during a vacation period to participate in practice sessions with a women's team;
- (d) It is not permissible for a recruited male student-athlete who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team. A nonrecruited male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier may participate in practice sessions with a women's team;
- (e) It is permissible for an institution to provide practice apparel to a male student for the purpose of practicing with a women's team; and
- (f) A male student who practices with an institution's women's basketball team may participate in required summer athletic activities, provided the student was enrolled full time at the conclusion of the regular academic term (e.g., spring semester or quarter) immediately preceding the institution's summer term.

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 12.02.6 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below: (*Revised: 7/31/14*)

12.8.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete the student-athlete's seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For international students, service in the armed forces or on an official religious mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States. (*Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14*)

12.8.1.1 Determining the Start of the Five-Year Period. For purposes of starting the count of time under the five-year rule, a student-athlete shall be considered registered at a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign; see Bylaw 14.02.4) when the student-athlete initially registers in a regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the student's first day of classes for that term (see Bylaw 12.8.2). (*Revised: 7/31/14*)

12.8.1.2 Service Exceptions to the Five-Year Rule. Time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is excepted from the application of the five-year rule. Among such services that qualify a student-athlete for an extension of the five-year rule are: (*Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14*)

- (a) Military Sea Transport Service;
- (b) Peace Corps; or
- (c) Service as a conscientious objector ordered by the Selective Service Commission (or the equivalent authority in a foreign nation) in lieu of active military duty.

12.8.1.2.1 Elapsed Time/Service to Enrollment. If a student-athlete enrolls in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of any one of the commitments described in the exceptions to this bylaw, the elapsed time (the exact number of calendar days) between completion of the commitment and the first opportunity for enrollment may be added to the exact number of days served on active duty in the armed services, with foreign aid services or on official religious missions and will not count toward the student-athlete's five years of eligibility. It is not permissible to extend the five-year period by any additional time beyond the first opportunity to enroll (the opening day of classes of the first regular term at the institution in which the student-athlete enrolls as a regular student immediately following the termination of the active-duty commitment). (*Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14*)

12.8.1.2.2 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Service Assignment. Any time in which a student-athlete is enrolled for a minimum full-time load as a regular student in a collegiate institution while simultaneously on active duty in the U.S. military, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S.

government shall count against the five calendar years in which the student-athlete's seasons of eligibility must be completed. *(Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.3 Academic Study Abroad Exception. Time spent participating in a full-time study-abroad program during a regular term of an academic year may be excepted from the application of the five-year rule, provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) The institution recognizes the student-athlete as a full-time student at the time of participation in the study-abroad program;
- (b) At the time of participation in the study-abroad program, the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition and is not subject to an athletically related suspension;
- (c) The student-athlete does not participate in practice or competition with the institution's team and does not engage in outside competition while participating in the study-abroad program;
- (d) The student-athlete satisfactorily completes the study-abroad program; and
- (e) The student-athlete earns a baccalaureate degree within five years or fewer.

12.8.1.4 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Exception. Time spent participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program during a regular term of an academic year may be excepted from the application of the five-year rule, provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) The institution recognizes the student-athlete as a full-time student at the time of participation in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program;
- (b) At the time of participation in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program, the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition and is not subject to an athletically related suspension;
- (c) The student-athlete does not participate in practice or competition with the institution's team and does not engage in outside competition while participating in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program;
- (d) The student-athlete satisfactorily completes the internship or cooperative educational work experience program; and
- (e) The student-athlete earns a baccalaureate degree within five years or fewer.

12.8.1.5 Pregnancy Exception. A member institution may approve a one-year extension of the five-year period of eligibility for a female student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.6 Athletics Activity Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or a committee designated by it, shall have the authority to waive this provision by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting to permit student-athletes to participate in: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96, 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

- (a) Official Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Olympic and Paralympic training, tryouts and competition;
- (b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts; or
- (c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

12.8.1.6.1 Junior Level Competition. The athletics activity waiver does not apply to junior level training, tryouts or competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the training, tryouts or competition specified in Bylaw 12.8.1.6. *(Adopted: 2/17/17)*

12.8.1.6.2 Athletics Activity Waiver Criteria. Extensions of the five-year period of eligibility for student-athletes by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, shall be based on the following criteria: The member institution in which the student-athlete is enrolled must establish to the satisfaction of the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (by objective evidence) that the student-athlete was unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of participation in one of the activities listed in the above legislation for a specific period of time. Further, such an extension shall be limited to one time and for a period not to exceed one year per student-athlete, per sport. *(Revised: 8/11/98, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.7 Five-Year Rule Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the five-year rule as it deems appropriate. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

12.8.1.7.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the five-year period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a five-year period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence under the following circumstances: (*Revised: 4/17/91, 1/11/94, 8/10/94, 10/12/95, 4/27/00, 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 4/25/18, 5/19/22 applicable to a student-athlete who qualifies for a waiver that would provide the opportunity to participate in four seasons of competition within a five-year period*)

- (a) The student-athlete did not use a season of intercollegiate competition due to an institutional decision to redshirt the student-athlete; the student-athlete was listed on the institution's squad list and was eligible for competition during the segment of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship; and the student-athlete was deprived of the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate competition in one other season due to circumstances beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution. (The use of this provision is limited to one time in a student-athlete's period of eligibility); or
- (b) The student-athlete is deprived of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in his or her sport within the five-year period of eligibility for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution.

12.8.1.7.1.1 Circumstances Beyond Control. Circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution and do not cause a participation opportunity to be used shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (*Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 8/12/97, 1/9/06, 7/30/10, 7/31/14*)

- (a) Situations clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation, which states that a student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate competition as a result of incapacitating physical or mental circumstances;
- (b) The student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of a life-threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, which clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;
- (c) Reliance by the student-athlete upon written, contemporaneous, clearly erroneous academic advice provided to the student-athlete from a specific academic authority from a collegiate institution regarding the academic status of the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete, which directly leads to that individual not being eligible to participate and, but for the clearly erroneous advice, the student-athlete would have established eligibility for intercollegiate competition;
- (d) Natural disasters (e.g., earthquake, flood); and
- (e) Extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in the family) experienced by the student-athlete or by an individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent, which prohibit the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent.

12.8.1.7.1.2 Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete or the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following: (*Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 10/9/96, 7/30/10, 7/31/14*)

- (a) A student-athlete's decision to attend an institution that does not sponsor the student-athlete's sport, or decides not to participate at an institution that does sponsor the sport;
- (b) An inability to participate due to failure to meet institutional/conference or NCAA academic requirements, or disciplinary reasons or incarceration culminating in or resulting from a conviction;
- (c) Reliance by a student-athlete upon misinformation from a coaching staff member;
- (d) Redshirt year;
- (e) Ineligibility to participate as a result of a transfer year of residence or fulfilling a condition for restoration of eligibility; and
- (f) A student-athlete's lack of understanding regarding the specific starting date of the five-year period of eligibility.

12.8.1.7.1.3 Circumstances of Extraordinary or Extreme Hardship. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria of this waiver for circumstances of extraordinary or extreme hardship. (*Revised: 4/25/18*)

12.8.1.7.1.4 Practice While Waiver is Pending. A student-athlete who has exhausted five years of eligibility may continue to practice (but not compete) for a maximum of 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the student-athlete's institution has submitted a waiver request. The student-athlete may not commence practice until the institution has filed such a request. Further, if such a request is denied prior to exhausting the 30-day practice period, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

12.8.2 Additional Applications of the Five-Year Rule.

12.8.2.1 Athletics Competition. Even though a student is enrolled for less than a minimum full-time program of studies at a collegiate institution, the student's five-year period of eligibility begins if the individual represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.2.2 Nonrecognized College. Enrollment in a postsecondary, noncollegiate institution (e.g., technical school, seminary or business college) in the United States that is not accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree, constitutes enrollment in the application of the five-year rule only if: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 8/8/02, 7/31/14)*

- (a) The student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies at such an institution that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program; or
- (b) The student, whether enrolled for a minimum full-time program of studies or not, represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics.

12.8.2.3 Joint College/High School Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule does not begin while a student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in a joint high school/college academic program for high school students in which the courses count as both high school graduation credit and college credit, provided the student has not officially graduated from high school and does not participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in the joint program. *(Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 7/31/14)*

12.8.2.4 Vocational Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule does not begin while the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies as a part of a special vocational program that combines enrollment in regular college courses and participation in vocational training courses, provided the student is not considered to be regularly matriculated by the institution, does not go through the customary registration and testing procedures required of all regular entering students and is not eligible for the institution's extracurricular activities, including athletics. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.2.5 Eligibility for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule (see Bylaws 14.2.1.7 and 14.2.1.8). A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having engaged in four seasons of intercollegiate competition in a sport may continue to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport without being a counter (see Bylaw 15.02.3). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 7/31/14, 3/27/18)*

12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

12.8.3.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport, except as provided in Bylaws 12.8.3.1.1, 12.8.3.1.2, 12.8.3.1.3, 12.8.3.1.4, 12.8.3.1.5 and 12.8.3.1.6. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/9/06, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/18)*

12.8.3.1.1 Two-Year College Scrimmages. A two-year college prospective student-athlete may compete in a scrimmage as a member of a two-year college team without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the competition meets all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 5/9/06, 7/31/14)*

- (a) The scrimmage is approved by the two-year college;
- (b) No official score is kept;
- (c) No admission is charged;
- (d) No official time is kept;
- (e) The scrimmage is played prior to the two-year college's first regularly scheduled outside competition; and
- (f) The prospective student-athlete participates in not more than two such scrimmages or dates of competition per academic year.

12.8.3.1.2 Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Field Hockey, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball and Men's Water Polo. In field hockey, men's soccer, women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in intercollegiate competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. (*Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 8/8/02, 10/31/02, 5/9/06, 7/31/14*)

12.8.3.1.3 Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Baseball, Women's Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Softball, Men's Volleyball and Women's Water Polo. In baseball, women's beach volleyball, lacrosse, softball, men's volleyball and women's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in intercollegiate competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete remains academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. (*Adopted: 6/28/17*)

12.8.3.1.4 Preseason Exhibitions/Preseason Practice Scrimmages. A student-athlete may compete in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) without counting such competition as a season of competition. (*Revised: 5/9/06, 7/31/14, 4/26/17*)

12.8.3.1.5 Alumni Game, Fundraising Activity or Celebrity Sports Activity. A student-athlete may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17. (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 7/31/14*)

12.8.3.1.6 Exception -- Football. In football, a student-athlete representing a Division I institution may compete in up to four contests in a season without using a season of competition. (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/18 for competition that occurs on or after 8/1/18, Revised: 6/12/19*)

12.8.3.1.7 Exception -- Men's Wrestling. In men's wrestling, a student-athlete representing a Division I institution may compete in up to five dates of competition during the student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment without using a season of competition. Competition in a conference championship tournament, the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, or any other season-ending championship event shall not be exempted from counting as a season of competition. (*Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22*)

12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis. In sports other than men's ice hockey, skiing and tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year period after the student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the student-athlete's class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/20/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/11 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, 7/31/14*)

- (a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the one-year period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.
- (b) After the one-year period, if the student-athlete has engaged in competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

12.8.3.2.1.1 Exception -- Transfer Student. A student-athlete is not required to fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition, provided the student-athlete: (*Adopted: 1/23/19*)

- (a) Attended a collegiate institution (or institutions) as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer terms); and
- (b) Satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit for each term of full-time attendance.

12.8.3.2.1.2 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the one-year time period after the prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the

prospective student-athlete's class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18 applicable to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18, 10/17/19, 1/22/20)*

- (a) Official Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);
- (b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may be selected to a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or
- (c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation).

12.8.3.2.1.3 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. Additionally, if a student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of the service commitment, the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. *(Adopted: 4/25/18, Revised: 1/23/19, 6/12/19)*

12.8.3.2.1.4 Track and Field and Cross Country. A student-athlete who has participated in organized competition after the one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during a cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field season (as opposed to general road racing events) shall be charged with a season of competition in the sport in which the student has participated for each calendar year after the one-year time period in which the student participated in organized competition. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/11 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.2.1.5 Road Racing. A student-athlete who has participated in road racing activities after the one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment shall be charged with a season of competition in each of the sports of cross country, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and triathlon for each calendar year after the one-year time period in which the student-athlete participates in organized competition. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/11 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/14)*

12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (or the first opportunity to enroll after six months have elapsed) after the student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the student-athlete's class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following: *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 7/31/14)*

- (a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the six-month period has elapsed (or the next opportunity to enroll) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.
- (b) After the six-month period, if the student-athlete has engaged in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

12.8.3.2.2.1 Exception – Transfer Student. A student-athlete is not required to fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition, provided the student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

- (a) Attended a collegiate institution (or institutions) as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer terms); and
- (b) Satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit for each term of full-time attendance.

12.8.3.2.2.2 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the six-month time period after the prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2: (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 10/17/19, 1/22/20*)

- (a) Official Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);
- (b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or the junior level equivalent (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or
- (c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation.)

12.8.3.2.2.3 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2. Additionally, if a student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of the service commitment, the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. (*Adopted: 4/25/18, Revised: 1/23/19, 6/12/19*)

12.8.3.2.2.4 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after the student-athlete's 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following: (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 6/10/04, 7/31/14, 1/23/19*)

- (a) The student will be charged with one season of intercollegiate tennis competition for each calendar year after the student-athlete's 20th birthday and prior to full-time enrollment at the certifying institution during which the student-athlete has participated in organized tennis competition per Bylaw 12.02.9. [Note: This includes participation in intercollegiate tennis while enrolled full time in another two-year or four-year institution; however, this provision replaces the season of competition counted in Bylaw 12.8 (only one season is used in any one year).]
- (b) Upon matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate tennis, unless the student-athlete attended a collegiate institution (or institutions) as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer terms) and satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit for each term of full-time attendance.

12.8.3.2.2.4.1 Exception -- Continuous Full-Time Enrollment. A student-athlete who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2 and who maintained full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution during each regular academic term from initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution is not subject to the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.4. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

12.8.3.2.2.4.2 Exception -- Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships Participation. Participation in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level

equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.4. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/14/12, 7/31/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18 applicable to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18, 1/22/20*)

12.8.3.2.2.4.3 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2. Additionally, if a student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of the service commitment, the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll student is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1. (*Adopted: 4/25/18, Revised: 1/23/19, 6/12/19*)

12.8.3.3 Track and Field and Cross Country. Cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field shall be considered separate sports. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 7/31/14*)

12.8.3.4 Intercollegiate Competition. A student-athlete is considered to have engaged in a season of intercollegiate competition when the student-athlete competes in an athletics event involving any one of the conditions characterizing intercollegiate competition (per Bylaw 12.02.6). (*Revised: 7/31/14*)

12.8.3.5 Participation After 21st Birthday -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In men's ice hockey and skiing, any participation as an individual or a team representative in organized sports competition by a student during each 12-month period after the student's 21st birthday and prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution shall count as one year of varsity competition in that sport. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government shall be excepted. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/10/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10, 4/13/10 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/14, 4/25/18*)

12.8.3.6 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not compete during the institution's season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour after that intercollegiate season and prior to the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 17.31.1.4). (*Revised: 8/11/98, 7/31/14*)

12.8.3.7 Participation on an Institution's Club Team. An individual is charged with a season of competition for participation in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.02.6) as a member of an institution's club team if that institution sponsored the sport as a varsity intercollegiate sport and as a club sport at the time of participation. (*Adopted: 6/24/09, Revised: 7/31/14*)

12.8.4 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions: (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97, 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/01, 4/3/02, 8/8/02, 3/10/04, 5/11/05, 9/18/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/24/08, 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22*)

- (a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institutions or occurs after the first day of classes in the student-athlete's senior year in high school;
- (b) The injury or illness occurs prior to the first contest or date of competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and
- (c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the maximum number of contests or dates of competition of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship as set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport plus one contest or date of competition, whichever is greater.

12.8.4.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver. The hardship waiver shall be administered by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. (*Revised: 10/28/04, 4/20/09, 7/31/14*)

12.8.4.1.1 Review of Denied Waiver. A conference that denies an institution's hardship waiver may submit the waiver to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The committee shall have the authority to review and determine whether to approve the waiver based on circumstances that may warrant relief from the application of the legislated waiver criteria. (*Adopted: 4/20/09, Revised: 7/31/14*)

12.8.4.2 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver.

12.8.4.2.1 Nature of Injury/Illness. It is not necessary for the incapacitating injury or illness to be the direct result of the student's participation in the institution's organized practice or game competition. *(Revised: 11/1/01, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.2 Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation, from a physician (a medical doctor) who administered care at the time of the injury or illness, that establishes the student-athlete's inability to compete as a result of that injury or illness shall be submitted with any hardship-waiver request. Documentation from an individual other than a physician (e.g., chiropractor, physical therapist) may only be used to support the physician's documentation. For a case involving a psychological or mental illness, the required contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation may be provided by an individual (e.g., psychiatrist, psychologist) who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat the particular illness. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 2/22/01, 7/31/14, 10/17/19)*

12.8.4.2.3 First Half and 30 Percent of Season Denominator. The denominator used to determine the first half and 30 percent of a season is the maximum number of contests or dates of competition of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship as set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport plus one contest or date of competition (see Figure 12-1). *(Revised: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.4.2.3.1 Exception -- Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. For an institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field, the number of completed dates of competition, including postseason competition, in the applicable season (either indoor or outdoor) is used to determine the first half and 30 percent of the season. For an institution that sponsors only indoor or outdoor track and field (but not both), the maximum number of dates of competition of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one date of competition is used to determine the first half and 30 percent of the season. *(Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.4.2.3.2 Fraction in the First-Half-of-Season Computation. A computation of the first-half-of-season that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded up to the next whole number. The first contest or date of competition immediately following the rounded value is the first contest or date of competition in the second half of the season (see Figure 12-1). *(Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.4.2.3.3 Fraction in Percent Computation. Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 30-percent of a 29-game basketball schedule -- 8.7 games -- shall be considered nine games). *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/07, 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.4.2.4 Playing Season that Concludes with the NCAA Championship. In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition throughout the season (e.g., golf, ice hockey), completed competition for the entire season (e.g., nonchampionship and championship segments) shall be used when identifying the first contest or date of competition in the second half of the season and the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated. In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition during only one segment of the season (e.g., baseball, soccer), completed competition for only the championship segment shall be used when identifying the first contest or date of competition in the second half of the season and the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated. *(Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.4.2.5 Exclusions from the First Half and 30 Percent of Season. In identifying the first contest or date of competition in the second half of the season and the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated, the following competitions shall be excluded: *(Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

- (a) Preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages that do not count toward the use of a season of competition per Bylaw 12.8.3.1.4; and
- (b) Annual exemptions (e.g., alumni game, foreign team in the United States) as specified in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport, except for a conference championship and other postseason competition.

12.8.4.2.6 Reinjury in Second Half of Season. A student-athlete who suffers an injury in the first half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship or who suffers an injury after the first day of classes in the student-athlete's senior year of high school, attempts to return to competition during the second half of that season and then is unable to participate further as a result of aggravating the original injury does not qualify for the hardship waiver. *(Revised: 11/1/01, 8/8/02, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.7 Outside Competition in Second Half of Season. An individual who engages in outside competition during the second half of the institution's playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, including competition while not representing the institution, does not qualify for a hardship waiver. *(Adopted: 10/17/19, Revised: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.4.2.8 Transfer Student-Athletes. The application of the hardship legislation for a transfer student-athlete may be based on the method that would be most beneficial to the student-athlete (the rule applicable to the division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division I rule). The application of a particular division's legislation must include all the applicable elements of that division's legislation. It is not permissible to use selected elements of the legislation of more than one division. *(Adopted: 11/12/97, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 9/17/09, 7/31/14)*

12.8.4.2.9 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of competition if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer-vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01, 7/31/14)*

12.8.5 Season-of-Competition Waiver -- Competition While Ineligible. In conjunction with a request for restoration of eligibility and any conditions imposed thereon per Bylaw 12.12, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when the student-athlete participated in a limited amount of competition as a result of a good-faith, erroneous formal declaration of eligibility by the institution's appropriate certifying authority; or the student-athlete's good-faith, erroneous reliance on a coaching staff member's decision to put the student-athlete into competition prior to the coaching staff member receiving a formal declaration of the student-athlete's eligibility from the institution's appropriate certifying authority. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/20/99, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/4/05, 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

- (a) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA member institution;
- (b) The competition occurred within 60 days of the date the student-athlete first reported for athletics participation;
- (c) The student-athlete did not participate in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the maximum number of contests or dates of competition of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship as set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport plus one contest or date of competition. All competition against outside participants that triggers the use of a season of competition shall be countable under this limitation in determining the number of events in which the student-athlete participated;
- (d) The student-athlete was involved innocently and inadvertently in the erroneous determination or declaration of eligibility, which permitted the student-athlete to compete while ineligible; and
- (e) In the case of a coaching staff member's erroneous decision, the student-athlete had reason to believe the student-athlete would be eligible to participate, and the student-athlete did not contribute to the coaching staff member's erroneous decision to allow the student-athlete to participate.

12.8.5.1 Ten Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.2.3 shall apply to the 10 percent calculation specified in this waiver. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.6 Season-of-Competition Waiver -- Competition While Eligible. A student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a case in which the student-athlete participated in a limited amount of competition while eligible due to a coach's documented misunderstanding of the legislation or other extenuating circumstances. In cases in which a student-athlete does not meet the criteria of this waiver, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have authority to review and grant a waiver based on additional documented extenuating circumstances. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 7/31/14)*

12.8.6.1 Coach's Documented Misunderstanding. The student-athlete participated as a result of good faith, reliance on a coaching staff member's decision to put the student-athlete in an alumni contest, exhibition contests, scrimmages, or nonchampionship segment contests based on the coach's documented misunderstanding of NCAA legislation and the competition occurred under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 10/28/04, Revised: 8/4/05, 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

- (a) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA institution;
- (b) The competition occurred prior to the completion of the first 20 percent of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport; and

- (c) The student-athlete did not compete in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the maximum number of contests or dates of competition of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship as set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport plus one contest or date of competition. All competition against outside participants that triggers the use of a season of competition shall be countable under this limitation in determining the number of events in which the student-athlete participated.

12.8.6.1.1 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.2.3 shall apply to the percent calculation specified in this waiver. *(Adopted: 10/20/04, Revised: 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.8.6.2 Extenuating Circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 7/31/14)*

- (a) The student-athlete failed to complete the entire season of competition at the institution as a result of a life-threatening injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, that clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;
- (b) The student-athlete failed to complete the entire season of competition at the institution as a result of extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in family) experienced by the student-athlete or an individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent and prohibited the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent;
- (c) The student-athlete's institution dropped the sport (in which the student practiced or competed) from its intercollegiate program.

12.8.6.2.1 Conditions of Competition. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 10/28/04, Revised: 8/4/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/04, 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

- (a) The competition occurred prior to the first contest or date of competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in the sport; and
- (b) The student-athlete did not compete in more than three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the maximum number of contests or dates of competition of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship as set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport plus one contest or date of competition, whichever is greater.

12.8.6.2.1.1 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaws 12.8.4.2.3, 12.8.4.2.4 and 12.8.4.2.5 shall apply to the percent calculation specified in this waiver. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 1/14/08, 7/31/14, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22 for injuries and illnesses occurring on or after 8/1/22)*

12.9 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions, Special Eligibility Provisions.

12.9.1 Five-Year Rule. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8) for student-athletes of the national service academies who have exhausted eligibility in one sport but wish to compete in another sport or sports in which they have eligibility remaining. *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 7/31/14)*

12.9.2 Transfer Status. A student who has attended as a freshman (plebe) only in the official summer-enrollment program of one of the four national service academies is not considered a transfer in the application of the transfer regulations of Bylaw 14.5. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.10 Certification of Eligibility.

12.10.1 Institutional Responsibility for Eligibility Certification. The president or chancellor is responsible for approving the procedures for certifying the eligibility of an institution's student-athletes under NCAA legislation. The president or chancellor may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. Certification of eligibility must occur prior to allowing a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 14.01.1). A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify a student-athlete's eligibility prior to allowing the student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/14/08, 7/31/14)*

12.10.2 Squad-List Form. The institution's athletics director shall compile on a form approved by the Legislative Committee a list of the squad members in each sport on the first day of competition and shall indicate thereon the status of each member in the designated categories. A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form in order for the student to be eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility if the violation occurred due to an institutional administrative error or oversight and the student-athlete is subsequently added to the form; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3. (See Bylaw 15.5.11 for details about the administration of the squad list.) *(Revised: 1/14/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

12.11 Ineligibility.

12.11.1 Obligation of Member Institution to Withhold Student-Athlete From Competition. If a student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the institution shall be obligated to apply immediately the applicable rule and to withhold the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw 12.12 if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.11.2 Ineligibility Resulting From Recruiting Violation. An institution shall not enter a student-athlete (as an individual or as a member of a team) in any intercollegiate competition if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process that the institution or a representative of its athletics interests violated the Association's legislation in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw 12.12 if it concludes that circumstances warrant restoration. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.11.2.1 Payment of Legal Fees During Appeal. [A] An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for a prospective student-athlete to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the prospective student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the prospective student-athlete either has signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution or (if the institution is not a subscribing member of the National Letter of Intent program) the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for enrollment by the institution and has provided written confirmation of intent to enroll at the institution. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.11.3 Application of Ineligibility Ruling Pending Appeal. Once an interpretation (per Bylaw 9.3.1.2) applicable to a member institution has been issued and results in the ineligibility of a student-athlete, it is necessary for the institution to apply the rule to the eligibility of the student-athlete, even if review of the interpretation (per Bylaw 9.3.1.2.1.1 or 9.3.1.2.2) at the request of the institution is pending. Failure to withhold such a student-athlete from competition is a violation of the conditions and obligations of membership. *(Revised: 12/22/08, 7/31/14)*

12.11.4 Ineligible Participation.

12.11.4.1 Loss of Eligibility. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition in a sport if the student-athlete participates in intercollegiate competition in that sport while ineligible under this bylaw or other applicable NCAA legislation. The certifying institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration (see Bylaw 12.12). *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

12.12 Restoration of Eligibility.

12.12.1 Basis for Appeal. When a student-athlete is determined to be ineligible under any applicable provision of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the member institution, having applied the applicable rule and having withheld the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition, may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student's eligibility, provided the institution concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration of eligibility.

12.12.2 Participation in Appeal Hearing. Any appeal to restore a student-athlete's eligibility shall be submitted in the name of the institution by the president or chancellor (or an individual designated by the president or chancellor), faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator or athletics director (for the men's or women's program). At least one of those individuals must participate in any hearing of the appeal that involves direct participation by the student-athlete or other individuals representing the institution or the student. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 3/8/06, 7/31/14)*

12.12.3 Student Responsibility, Relationship to Restoration of Eligibility. A student-athlete is responsible for the student-athlete's involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations (as defined in Bylaw 19), and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in any violation only when circumstances clearly warrant

restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons.

FIGURE 12-1
Hardship Waiver Criteria
For injuries and illnesses occurring on or after August 1, 2022

Use the figure below to identify the values for first half and 30 percent of the season for the applicable sport. Then apply the values to the institution's completed schedule for the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship¹ as follows:

1. When counting on the schedule to identify the first contest in the second half of the season, exclude the following:
 - a. Preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages that do not count toward use of a season of competition per Bylaw 12.8.3.1.4; and
 - b. Bylaw 17 annual exemptions (e.g., alumni game, foreign team in the United States) except for the conference championship and other postseason competition which must be counted.
2. When counting the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated, exclude the following:
 - a. Preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages that do not count toward use of a season of competition per Bylaw 12.8.3.1.4; and
 - b. Bylaw 17 annual exemptions (e.g., alumni game, foreign team in the United States) except for the conference championship and other postseason competition which must be counted.
3. Please note, an individual who engages in outside competition during the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, including competition while not representing the institution (e.g., unattached), does not qualify for a hardship waiver per Bylaw 12.8.4.2.7.

Sport	Denominator²	30 Percent of Denominator	First Half of Playing Season
Acrobatics and Tumbling	13	4	Before the start of the 8 th date of competition
Baseball	57	18	Before the start of the 30 th contest
Basketball	No QRSMTE = 30 With QRSMTE = 32	No QRSMTE = 9 With QRSMTE = 10	No QRSMTE = Before the start of the 16 th contest With QRSMTE = Before the start of the 17 th contest
Beach Volleyball	17	6	Before the start of the 10 th date of competition
Bowling, Women's	33	10	Before the start of the 18 th date of competition
Cross Country	8	3	Before the start of the 5 th date of competition
Equestrian, Women's	16	5	Before the start of the 9 th date of competition
Fencing	12	4	Before the start of the 7 th date of competition
Field Hockey	21	7	Before the start of the 12 th contest
Football -- FBS ³	13	4	Before the start of the 8 th contest
Football -- FCS ^{3,4}	12 or 13	4	Before the start of the 7 th or 8 th contest
Golf	25	8	Before the start of the 14 th date of competition
Gymnastics	14	5	Before the start of the 8 th date of competition
Ice Hockey	35	11	Before the start of the 19 th contest
Lacrosse, Men's	18	6	Before the start of the 10 th date of competition
Lacrosse, Women's	18	6	Before the start of the 10 th contest
Rifle	14	5	Before the start of the 8 th date of competition
Rowing, Women's	21	7	Before the start of the 12 th contest

Rugby, Women's	17	6	Before the start of the 10 th contest
Skiing			
Alpine	33	10	Before the start of the 18 th date of competition
Nordic	33	10	Before the start of the 18 th date of competition
Soccer	21	7	Before the start of the 12 th contest
Softball	57	18	Before the start of the 30 th contest
Swimming and Diving	21	7	Before the start of the 12 th date of competition
Tennis	26	8	Before the start of the 14 th date of competition
Track and Field (Indoor/Outdoor)	Completed dates of competition ⁵	Will vary ⁵	Based on the institution's completed dates of competition. ⁵
Track and Field (Indoor Only)	19	6	Before the start of the 11 th date of competition
Track and Field (Outdoor Only)	19	6	Before the start of the 11 th date of competition
Triathlon, Women's	7	3	Before the start of the 5 th date of competition
Volleyball	29	9	Before the start of the 16 th date of competition
Water Polo	22	7	Before the start of the 13 th contest
Wrestling	17	6	Before the start of the 10 th date of competition

¹ Nonchampionship segment competition is not considered for purposes of hardship waiver eligibility.

² Bylaw 17 maximum for the sport plus one pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.4.2.3.

³ A Division I football student-athlete may compete in up to four contests without using a season of competition.

⁴ See Bylaw 17.11.6.1 to determine appropriate standard denominator based on application of maximum limitations legislation.

⁵ See Bylaw 12.8.4.2.3.1 for additional information regarding the first half and 30 percent of season calculations for indoor and outdoor track and field.

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 13

Recruiting

13.01 General Principles.

13.01.1 Eligibility Effects of Recruiting Violation. The recruitment of a student-athlete by a member institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association's legislation, as acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process, shall result in the student-athlete becoming ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such a violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. A student is responsible for the student's involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations during the student's recruitment, and involvement in a Level I or Level II violation (see Bylaws 19.1.1 and 19.1.2) may cause the student to become permanently ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition at that institution. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

13.01.2 Institutional Responsibility in Recruitment. A member of an institution's athletics staff or a representative of its athletics interests shall not recruit a prospective student-athlete except as permitted by this Association, the institution and the member conference, if any.

13.01.3 Additional Recruiting Restrictions. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional recruiting restrictions. The Committee on Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances under which the additional restrictions apply (see Bylaw 14.8). *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)*

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

13.02.1 Business Day. A business day is any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday during which an institution is closed for other reasons (e.g., holiday break). *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

13.02.2 Camps.

13.02.2.1 Diversified Sports Camp. A diversified sports camp is a camp that offers a balanced camping experience, including participation in seasonal summer sports and recreational activities, without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

13.02.2.2 Specialized Sports Camp. A specialized sports camp is a camp that places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction.

13.02.3 Competition Site. The "competition site" is the facility in which athletics competition is actually conducted, including any dressing room or meeting facility used in conjunction with the competition.

13.02.4 Contact. A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged (e.g., staff member takes a position in a location where contact is possible) or that takes place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs. However, an institutional staff member or athletics representative who is approached by a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members at any location shall not use a contact, provided the encounter was not prearranged and the staff member or athletics representative does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 4/25/18)*

13.02.4.1 Evaluation Activities During Contact Period – Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a visit to a prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school or two-year college, or an evaluation at any site that occurs during a contact period shall constitute a contact (for all prospective student-athletes in that sport at the educational institution) for that particular week even if no contact is made with a prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

13.02.5 Periods of Recruiting Activities.

13.02.5.1 Contact Period. A contact period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

13.02.5.2 Evaluation Period. An evaluation period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period. **[D]** (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.02.5.3 Recruiting Period – Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruiting period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)

13.02.5.4 Quiet Period. A quiet period is a period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period. **[D]** (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.02.5.4.1 Exception – Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, an institutional coaching staff member may have incidental contact with a two-year college prospective student-athlete who is attending and being honored at the annual American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) awards banquet, provided no recruiting conversation occurs. **[D]** (Adopted: 7/27/21)

13.02.5.5 Dead Period. A dead period is a period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to communicate with (other than in person) a prospective student-athlete during a dead period. **[D]** (Revised: 1/11/94, 12/6/13, 10/30/14)

13.02.5.5.1 Exception – After Commitment. Except for the application of Bylaw 13.02.5.5.1.1, a prospective student-athlete is no longer subject to the application of a dead period after one of the following events occurs: (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 11/25/13, 4/6/16, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18)

- (a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or
- (b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

In basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. In sports other than basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in applicable sport.

13.02.5.5.1.1 December and January Dead Period – Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, it is not permissible for an institution to make an in-person, on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the December and January dead period, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. However, it is permissible for the institution to make such contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution or has arrived in the locale of the institution for initial full-time enrollment. (Adopted: 4/6/16, Revised: 6/12/19)

13.02.5.6 Recruiting Shutdown. A recruiting shutdown is a period of time when no form of recruiting (e.g., contacts, evaluations, official or unofficial visits, correspondence or making or receiving telephone calls) is permissible. (Adopted: 4/25/18)

13.02.6 Enrolled Student-Athlete. An enrolled student-athlete is an individual whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department.

13.02.7 Evaluation. Evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospective student-athlete, including any visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospective student-athlete participating in any practice or competition at any site. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

13.02.7.1 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, any evaluation that occurs during a contact period by a coaching staff member is a countable contact per Bylaw 13.02.4.1 rather than a countable evaluation. (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)

13.02.7.2 Evaluation Days -- Football, Men's Golf, Women's Volleyball and Women's Beach Volleyball. An evaluation day is defined as one coach engaged in the evaluation of any prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight). Two coaches making evaluations on the same day shall use two evaluation days. See Bylaws 13.1.7.4.4, 13.1.7.9, 13.1.7.10 and 13.1.7.12. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/14/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

13.02.8 Family Member. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. (*Adopted: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/25/18*)

13.02.9 Recruiting-Person Days -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a men's basketball prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Men's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days September 1 through May 31. (*Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 3/28/07, 5/9/08, 4/26/17, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22*)

13.02.9.1 Exception -- After Commitment. Recruiting activity involving only a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission shall not be counted as a recruiting-person day. (*Adopted: 4/26/17*)

13.02.9.2 Tournament Application. Each day of a tournament or tier of a tournament in which a coach engages in off-campus evaluation activity shall count as a separate recruiting-person day. (*Adopted: 12/12/06*)

13.02.10 Recruiting-Person Days -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a women's basketball prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 65 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). (*Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 3/27/07, 5/9/08, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/26/17, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22*)

13.02.10.1 Exceptions. (*Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) Recruiting activity involving only a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or from whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission does not count toward the recruiting-person day limitation.
- (b) A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the April, May, June and July evaluation periods does not count toward the 65 recruiting-person day limitation.
- (c) A coach's involvement in international evaluation activities during 10 calendar days in June, July and August.

13.02.10.2 Tournament Application. Each day of a tournament or tier of a tournament in which a coach engages in off-campus evaluation activity shall count as a separate recruiting person day. (*Adopted: 12/12/06*)

13.02.11 Home. In general, a prospective student-athlete's "home" is the prospective student-athlete's legal residence, or the community of the educational institution in which the prospective student-athlete is enrolled while residing there.

13.02.12 National Letter of Intent. The National Letter of Intent referred to in this bylaw is the official document administered by the Collegiate Commissioners Association and used by subscribing member institutions to establish the commitment of a prospective student-athlete to attend a particular institution.

13.02.13 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's family members or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until: (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, Adopted: 4/28/05, 1/17/09, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18, 1/23/19, 5/18/22*)

- (a) The individual signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution receives the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission; and

- (b) The individual completes all high school graduation requirements or all transfer academic eligibility requirements.

13.02.13.1 Reversion to Prospective-Student-Athlete Status. An individual who becomes a student-athlete per Bylaw 13.02.13 and does not attend class while enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies during the first regular academic term after the individual completes all requirements for high school graduation requirements or all transfer academic eligibility requirements becomes a prospective student-athlete until: *(Adopted: 5/18/22)*

- (a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer);
- (b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term;
- (c) The individual participates in required summer athletic activities before initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution;
- (d) The individual officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the certifying institution's summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; or
- (e) The individual reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term.

13.02.13.2 Exception -- After Commitment. After an individual has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the individual shall no longer be subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1. The individual remains a prospective student-athlete for purposes of applying the remaining provisions of Bylaw 13 and other bylaws. In basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. In sports other than basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18)*

13.02.14 Recruiting. Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's family members by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution's athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospective student-athlete's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.02.14.1 Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete. Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete at that institution are: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 12/13/05, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

- (a) Providing the prospective student-athlete with an official visit;
- (b) Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members; or
- (c) Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to the prospective student-athlete. Issuing a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend a summer session prior to full-time enrollment does not cause the prospective student-athlete to become recruited.

13.02.15 Representative of Athletics Interests. A "representative of the institution's athletics interests" is an individual, independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to: *(Revised: 2/16/00, 4/25/18)*

- (a) Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program;
- (b) Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
- (c) Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
- (d) Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their family members; or
- (e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program.

13.02.15.1 Duration of Status. Once an individual, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization is identified as such a representative, the person, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization retains that identity indefinitely. *(Revised: 2/16/00)*

13.02.16 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.02.17 Telephone Calls. All electronically transmitted human voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones) shall be considered telephone calls. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 9/6/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.02.18 Visits by Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.02.18.1 Official Visit. An official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution.

13.02.18.2 Unofficial Visit. An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete's own expense. The provision of any expenses or entertainment valued at more than \$100 by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, except as permitted in Bylaws 13.5 and 13.7. *(Revised: 2/22/07, 5/9/08)*

13.02.19 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Basketball. In basketball, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete's athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to family members, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. This definition does not include an individual who maintained (or directed others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, or coaches only while employed in the athletics department at a four-year institution. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution. *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18, 3/3/21)*

13.02.20 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in football, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete's athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to, family members, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. This definition does not include an individual who maintained (or directed others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, or coaches only while employed in the athletics department at a four-year institution. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 4/25/18, 3/3/21)*

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 6/13/08, 10/30/14)*

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, 10/28/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 1/9/06, 2/26/07, 6/13/08, 4/30/09, 1/15/11, 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.1.1.1 Exception -- Baseball and Football. In baseball and football, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before July 1 following the completion of the individual's junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of the individual's senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before the opening day of the individual's junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year during recruiting periods other than the

April recruiting periods may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. During the April recruiting periods (including days of such a period in May) of a prospective student-athlete's junior year, contacts may occur at either the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. **[D]** (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 5/7/19)

13.1.1.1.3 Exception – Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's senior year in high school. Contacts may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. (Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18, 1/22/20, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)

13.1.1.1.4 Exception – Lacrosse. In lacrosse, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. **[D]** (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 10/30/14, 4/14/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)

13.1.1.1.5 Exception – Softball. In softball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. **[D]** (Adopted: 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18)

13.1.1.2 Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- First Year of Enrollment -- Not a Qualifier. A prospective student-athlete who was not a qualifier as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.1 and who is in the first year of full-time enrollment (first two semesters or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be contacted in person on an institution's campus for recruiting purposes. Off-campus contact with such a prospective student-athlete may only occur at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. **[D]** (Revised: 10/30/14, 4/16/15, 5/1/19)

13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA four-year collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete. [See Bylaw 19.1.2-(f).] (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18, 4/28/21 applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year)

13.1.1.3.1 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing the student-athlete's institution with a written notification of transfer and completing an educational module related to transferring. Notification of transfer must be initiated during a period specified for the applicable sport (see also Figure 13-1). If notification of transfer is provided during a specified period, the student-athlete's institution shall enter the student-athlete's information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete or receipt of confirmation of the student-athlete's completion of the educational module, whichever occurs later. (Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18, Revised: 4/28/21 applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year. Mandatory education related to transferring will be applicable upon its availability, 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)

(a) In fall sports, the student must provide written notification of transfer during:

(1) A 45 consecutive-day period beginning the day after championship selections are made in the sport; or

- (i) Exception – Participants in FCS Championship Game. Student-athletes who are members of the two teams that qualify for NCAA Division I Football Championship game may provide written notification of transfer during a 14 consecutive-day period beginning the day after the championship game.
- (ii) Exception -- Participants in the College Football Playoff Championship Game. Student-athletes who are members of the two teams that qualify for College Football Playoff Championship game may provide written notification of transfer during a period that extends 14 consecutive days beginning the day after the championship game.

(2) May 1-15.

(b) In winter sports, a student must provide written notification of transfer during a 60 consecutive-day period beginning the day after championship selections are made in the sport.

(c) In spring sports, the student must provide written notification of transfer during:

- (1) December 1-15; or
- (2) A 45 consecutive-day period beginning the day after championship selections are made in the sport.
- (d) In emerging sports for women, the student must provide written notification of transfer during the applicable period (45 consecutive-day period or May 1-15 for fall sports or 60 consecutive-day period for winter and spring sports) beginning the day after selections are made for a recognized national intercollegiate championship event in the sport.

13.1.1.3.1.1 Exceptions. *(Adopted: 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

13.1.1.3.1.1.1 Notification of Transfer After Applicable Periods End – Exceptions Other Than the One-Time Transfer Exception. A student-athlete who does not initiate notification of transfer during a period specified for the applicable sport may initiate notification of transfer after the final period for the sport concludes and before August 1 of the next academic year, and remain eligible to use an exception to the transfer residency requirement other than the one-time transfer exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10).

(Adopted: 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)

13.1.1.3.1.1.2 Head Coach Departure or Athletics Aid Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal.

A student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 30 consecutive-day period beginning the day after either of the following occurs: *(Adopted: 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

- (a) The head coach of the student-athlete's team departs or announces departure from the institution; or
- (b) The student-athlete's athletics aid is reduced, canceled or not renewed (except as permitted per Bylaws 15.3.4.2 or 15.3.5.1).

13.1.1.3.2 Written Policies. An institution shall have written policies related to the implications of a student-athlete providing written notification of transfer, including a description of services and benefits (e.g., academic support services, access to athletics facilities) that will or will not be provided to a student-athlete upon receipt of notification. Such policies shall be published and generally available to student-athletes (e.g., student-athlete handbook, institution's website). *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.3 Student-Athlete Withdrawn From Four-Year College. An institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal. *(Revised: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.3.1 Exception – Official Religious Mission. An institution shall not contact a student-athlete who has begun service on an official religious mission without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process if the student-athlete signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) and attended, as a full-time student, the institution with which the NLI was signed. If such a student-athlete has completed the official religious mission and does not enroll full time in a collegiate institution within one calendar year of completion of the mission, an institution may contact the student-athlete without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 4/2/10, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.4 Transfer From Institution Placed on Probation by Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel. It is not necessary for an institution to obtain authorization through the notification of transfer process to recruit a student-athlete at an institution that has been placed on probation with sanctions that preclude it from competing in postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility. However, the student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment and may establish reasonable restrictions related to the contact (e.g., no visits during class time), provided such restrictions do not preclude the opportunity for the student-athlete to discuss transfer possibilities with the other institution [see Bylaw 14.7.2-(c)]. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

13.1.1.3.5 Transfer From Institution Ineligible for Postseason Competition – Academic Performance Program. On approval by the Committee on Academics, an institution may contact a student-athlete at another institution whose team is ineligible for postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility due to sanctions pursuant to the Academic Performance Program, without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. The student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment and may establish reasonable restrictions related to the contact (e.g., no visits during class time), provided such restrictions do

not preclude the opportunity for the student-athlete to discuss transfer possibilities with the other institution [see Bylaw 14.7.2-(d)]. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

13.1.1.3.6 Transfer While Ineligible Due to Positive Drug Test. If a student-athlete who is declared ineligible due to a positive drug test administered by the NCAA transfers to another NCAA institution, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the new institution of the student-athlete's ineligibility (see Bylaw 18.4.1.4.5). **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

13.1.2.1 General Rule. All in-person, on- and off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members shall be made only by authorized institutional staff members. Such contact, as well as correspondence and telephone calls, by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited except as otherwise permitted in this section. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to: *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/11/97, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

- (a) **Admissions Program.** Off-campus recruiting contacts made by an institution's regular admissions program representative and directed at all prospective students including nonathletes.
- (b) **Coach Who Is Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Member.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member who is a family member of a participant in any activity being observed (e.g., practices, contests or camps), provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such activity does not involve any personal contact with any other participating prospective student-athlete.
- (c) **Significant Other of Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member observing a contest that involves prospective student-athletes coached by the coach's significant other, provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such a contest does not involve any personal contact with any prospective student-athlete participating in the contest.
- (d) **Established Family Friend/Neighbor.** Contacts made with a prospective student-athlete by an established family friend or neighbor, it being understood that such contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not initiated by a member of an institution's coaching staff.
- (e) **Significant Other of Staff Member.**
 - (1) **On Campus.** A significant other of an institutional staff member on campus.
 - (2) **Off Campus during Official Visit.** A significant other of an athletics department staff member during a prospective student-athlete's official visit and within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.
- (f) **Interpreter.** An interpreter present during an institution's in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members, provided that if the institution is involved in making the arrangements for the use of the interpreter, the interpreter must be a faculty member or a professional interpreter. It is not permissible for the interpreter to be an enrolled student-athlete, a family member of an enrolled student-athlete or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.
- (g) **Unavoidable Incidental Contact.** An unavoidable incidental contact made with a prospective student-athlete by representatives of the institution's athletics interests, provided the contact is not prearranged by the representative or an athletics department staff member, does not take place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the sites of organized competition and practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's team (high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team), is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospective student-athlete, and involves only normal civility.
- (h) **Family Members of Enrolled Student-Athletes.** On-campus contacts between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete and the family members of an enrolled student-athlete.
- (i) **Former Student-Athletes.** On-campus contacts between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members and/or other individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete.

13.1.2.3 General Restrictions -- Staff Members and Governing Board. The following are additional restrictions that apply to an institution's staff members and governing board. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/27/00, Adopted: 1/16/10, 4/13/10, 4/29/10, 7/31/13, 4/25/18)*

- (a) **Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities.** A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (except a staff member who only performs clerical duties) shall not attend an on- or off-campus athletics event in the staff member's sport that involves prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school contest, noninstitutional sports camp) unless the staff member is a family member of a participant in the activity. A staff member who is a family member of a participant may attend such an event, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Attendance shall not be for evaluation purposes (the staff member shall not provide information related to the performance of a prospective student-athlete back to the institution's coaching staff); and
 - (2) The staff member shall not have direct contact with a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's family members or coach (other than the family member, if applicable) participating in the activity.
- (b) **Board of Governors/Regents.** Recruiting contacts on or off campus between a member of the institution's board of governors (or regents) and a prospective student-athlete are not permissible.

13.1.2.4 Other Restrictions, Athletics Representatives. The following are additional restrictions that apply to athletics representatives: **[D]** (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

- (a) **Telephone Conversation.** An athletics representative of a member institution may speak to a prospective student-athlete via the telephone only if the prospective student-athlete initiates the telephone conversation and the call is not for recruiting purposes. Under such circumstances, the representative must refer questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff;
- (b) **Observing Prospective Student-Athlete's Contest.** An athletics representative may view a prospective student-athlete's athletics contest on the athletics representative's own initiative, subject to the understanding that the athletics representative may not contact the prospective student-athlete on such occasions;
- (c) **Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athlete.** An athletics representative may not contact a prospective student-athlete's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospective student-athlete; and
- (d) **Visiting Prospective Student-Athlete's Institution.** An athletics representative may not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution to pick up film/videotape or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's academic eligibility or athletics ability.

13.1.2.5 Off-Campus Contacts or Evaluations. Only those coaches who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws 11.7.4.2, 11.7.5.2 and 11.7.6, may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. Institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes in all sports, on campus, within one mile of campus boundaries during an unofficial visit or within 30 miles of campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. **[D]** (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/5/04, 5/26/06, 7/31/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

13.1.2.6 Head Coach Restrictions -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS]

13.1.2.6.1 Assistant Coach Publicly Designated as Institution's Next Head Coach. [FBS] An institution's assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become its next head coach shall be subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach. (*Adopted: 1/16/10*)

13.1.2.6.2 Off-Campus Contact. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, the head coach may make in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members only during one calendar day. It is permissible for this contact to occur both at the site of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution and away from the institutional grounds. During such contact, the head coach may be accompanied by assistant coaches, who otherwise are required to observe the restrictions contained in the bylaws. **[D]** (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 8/5/04, 12/15/06, 4/25/18*)

13.1.2.6.3 Spring Evaluation Period. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the head coach (and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities, participate in an off-campus coaching clinic, visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution for any reason, meet with a prospective student-athlete's coach at an off-campus location, or attend or speak at a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school awards banquet, high school all-star banquet). In addition, the head coach (or any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not make an in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period at any location, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-

athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/14/08, Revised: 1/17/09, 10/20/14, 10/30/14, 9/29/15*)

13.1.2.7 Student-Athletes and Other Enrolled Students. The following conditions apply to recruiting activities involving enrolled student-athletes and other enrolled students: **[D]** (*Revised: 8/5/04, 5/29/08, 4/26/12, 6/23/15*)

- (a) **Off-Campus Contacts.** Off-campus in-person contact between an enrolled student-athlete (or an enrolled student) and a prospective student-athlete is permissible, provided such contact does not occur at the direction of an institutional staff member.
- (b) **Transportation and Expenses.** An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospective student-athlete except for those expenses specified in Bylaw 13.6.7.5 when the student-athlete serves as a student host.
- (c) **Written Correspondence.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) to engage in written correspondence, provided it is not done at the direction or expense of the member institution.

13.1.2.8 Talent Scout. An institution may not pay any costs incurred by an athletics talent scout or a representative of its athletics interests in studying or recruiting prospective student-athletes. An institution may not provide any such person a fee or honorarium and thereby claim the person as a staff member entitled to expense money. **[D]** (*Revised: 8/5/04*)

13.1.2.8.1 Employment Prohibition. An institution may not employ an individual for the primary purpose of recruiting or evaluating prospective student-athletes and designate the individual as a coach if the individual does not reside in the institution's general locale. Such an individual would be considered an athletics talent scout rather than a regular institutional staff member. **[D]** (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

13.1.2.8.2 Expense Prohibition. An institution may not pay expenses (other than meals provided in the institution's home community) for representatives of its athletics interests to visit its campus for the purpose of becoming familiar with the institution's academic and athletics programs and campus facilities in order to represent the institution better when recruiting prospective student-athletes. The provision of such expenses would be considered payment of costs incurred by athletics talent scouts. **[D]** (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school (subject to the exceptions below). Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. **[D]** (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/22/98, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 6/13/08, 1/15/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19*)

13.1.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year of high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. (*Revised: 5/1/19, 1/20/22*)

13.1.3.1.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before June 1 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/20/22*)

13.1.3.1.2.1 Additional Restrictions -- Women's Basketball -- July Evaluation Periods. In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 1/20/22*)

13.1.3.1.3 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, one telephone call to an individual (or the individual's family members) may be made from April 15 through May 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the individual's senior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week

outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, 10/28/97, 1/8/07, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.1.3.1 Application of Telephone Call Limitations. Once an institution reaches the limit on telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) for a particular time period, the institution may not initiate an additional telephone call during the same time period, even if no direct conversation occurs during the additional call (e.g., voicemail message). **[D]** *(Adopted: 12/13/05, Revised: 10/30/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.1.4 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete at its discretion. **[D]** *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.1.5 Exception -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) at its discretion beginning January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 1/18/14, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.1.6 Exception -- Telephone Calls to a Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach who is the Family Member of a Prospective Student-Athlete. Telephone calls may be placed at the institution's discretion to a prospective student-athlete's coach who is the family member of a prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

13.1.3.2.1 During Conduct of Athletics Contest. Telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) may not be made during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport from the time the institution's team reports on call at the competition site at the direction of the coach until the competition has concluded and the team has been dismissed by the coach. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/8/09, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Baseball, Basketball and Football. In baseball, basketball and football, institutional staff members may receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) at any time. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95, 8/14/02, 12/12/06, 4/26/12, 4/14/17, 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 12/15/21)*

13.1.3.2.3 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Sports Other than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, Men's Ice Hockey and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, men's ice hockey and softball, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.2.4 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Lacrosse and Softball. In lacrosse and softball, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/14/17, Revised: 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.2.5 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

13.1.3.3.1 Official-Visit Exception. Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) and during the official visit. If more than the otherwise permissible number of calls occur under this exception and a scheduled official visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01, 12/12/06, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/23/19)*

13.1.3.3.2 Unofficial-Visit Exception. Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit (per Bylaw 13.7) until the conclusion of the visit. If more than the otherwise permissible number of calls or if otherwise impermissible calls occur under this exception and a scheduled unofficial visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/23/19*)

13.1.3.3.3 Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 12/12/06*)

13.1.3.3.3.1 Football Exception. [FBS/FCS] In football, institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective student-athletes starting the Sunday before until 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 12/12/06, 12/15/06, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20*)

13.1.3.3.4 Off-Campus Contact Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs with the prospective student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 12/12/06*)

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6 (see Bylaw 11.7.2). In football, women's rowing and swimming and diving, such telephone calls also may be made by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/26/06, 12/12/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/12, 10/30/14, 1/19/18, 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 12/15/21 effective 8/1/22*)

13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions -- Before Commitment. Before a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) as specified: (*Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/14/97, 6/8/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 3/8/06, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/24/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18*)

- (a) **President or Chancellor/Faculty Athletics Representative/Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator.** It is permissible for an institution's chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletics and senior woman administrator to return (as opposed to initiate) telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members). Under such circumstances, there are no restrictions on the content of the conversation that may occur during the call; however, any return call is subject to any applicable limitations on the number of telephone calls that an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.
- (b) **Academic Advisors.** It is permissible for academic advisors (including academic advisors within the athletics department) to make calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) related to admissions or academic issues, subject to any applicable limitation on the number of telephone calls an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.
- (c) **Compliance Administrators.** It is permissible for a compliance administrator to make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) with no limit on the timing or number of such telephone calls, provided the calls relate only to compliance issues.
- (d) **Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the official visit and during the official visit.

- (e) **Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches – Telephone Calls in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit.** A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.

13.1.3.5 Nonpermissible Callers.

13.1.3.5.1 Representatives of Athletics Interests. Representatives of an institution's athletics interests (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.14) are prohibited from making telephonic communications with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.3.5.1.1 Prospective Student-Athlete Initiates Call. An athletics representative of a member institution may speak to a prospective student-athlete via the telephone only if the prospective student-athlete initiates the telephone conversation and the call is not for recruiting purposes. Under such circumstances, the representative must refer questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.3.5.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. Enrolled student-athletes or other enrolled students shall not make or participate in telephone calls to prospective student-athletes at the direction of a coaching staff member or financed by the institution or a representative of its athletics interests; however, they may receive telephone calls at the expense of the prospective student-athlete on or after the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete. An enrolled student-athlete may receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospective student-athlete prior to the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete, provided there is no direct or indirect involvement by athletics department staff. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14)*

13.1.3.5.2.1 Exception – Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, enrolled student-athletes may participate in telephone calls to prospective student-athletes initiated by a coaching staff member, subject to countable athletically related activities limitations. Such calls may not occur on a student-athlete's day off. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/20/22)*

13.1.3.5.2.2 Admissions Program Exception. Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

13.1.3.6 Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) are not subject to the restrictions on telephone calls, provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls. *(Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1.4 Visit to Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. Visits to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that will occur during that portion of the day when classes are being conducted for all students must receive the approval of the executive officer (or the executive officer's designated representative) of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. A coaching staff member may not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a dead period. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 12/6/13, 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.1 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week within a recruiting period that occurs during the academic year, regardless of the number of prospective student-athletes enrolled in the institution or whether any prospective student-athlete is contacted on that day. During the April evaluation periods, if a nonscholastic event occurs at the educational institution of a participating prospective student-athlete, institutional staff members may visit the prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week (see Bylaw 13.1.4.4). During the June and July evaluation periods, there are no limitations on the number of times an institutional staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution. *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 10/17/19, 7/13/20)*

13.1.4.1.1 Tournament Exception. In men's basketball, visiting a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on consecutive days during a particular week to observe a tournament or tier of a tournament shall count as a single visit (see Bylaws 13.1.7.13 and 13.1.7.13.1). *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.1.4.2 Football and Women's Basketball. In football and women's basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week within a

contact period, regardless of the number of prospective student-athletes enrolled in the institution or whether any prospective student-athlete is contacted on that day. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 10/17/19)*

13.1.4.2.1 Visits During Contact Period -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, one contact per prospective student-athlete is permitted during each week of the contact period as specified in Bylaw 13.17.5 either at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or any other location (e.g., prospective student-athlete's home). A visit to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution and any other location (e.g., prospective student-athlete's home) during the same calendar day shall be considered one contact. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 12/15/06, 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.2.2 Visits During Evaluation Period -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, not more than two coaches per institution may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on any one calendar day during an evaluation period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/29/10, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.2.3 Visits During Evaluation Period -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on not more than one calendar day during a particular week within an evaluation period that occurs during the academic year. During the July evaluation period, there are no limitations on the number of times an institutional staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 8/12/97, 9/15/97, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 10/17/19)*

13.1.4.2.3.1 Tournament Exception. In women's basketball, visiting a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on consecutive days during a particular week to observe a tournament or tier of a tournament shall count as a single visit (see Bylaws 13.1.7.13 and 13.1.7.13.1). *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.1.4.3 Multiple-Sport Athlete -- Basketball or Football. If a prospective student-athlete is a multisport athlete being recruited by the same institution for more than one sport, one of which is football or basketball, all staff members from the same institution are permitted only one visit per week to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution, and all visits must take place on the same day of the week. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14)*

13.1.4.4 Competition Not Involving Educational Institution Visited -- Basketball and Football. An institution does not use its one visit per week to an educational institution if the coach observes competition between prospective student-athletes who do not attend that institution and the coach does not engage in recruitment activities with any prospective student-athlete who attends the institution where the competition is being conducted. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.1.5 Contacts.

13.1.5.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning August 1 at the start of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities per year may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 3/10/04, 1/9/06, 1/18/14, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/16/18, 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18, 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 7/7/20)*

13.1.5.2 Baseball. In baseball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). During the senior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.1.5.3 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, each institution shall be limited to six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete at any site and shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 12/15/06, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18)*

13.1.5.4 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Men's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days September 1 through May 31. *(Adopted: 9/12/03,*

Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/9/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/12, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)

13.1.5.4.1 Exception – April Evaluation Periods. An evaluation made during an April evaluation period shall not count as a recruiting opportunity. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.1.5.5 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 65 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the April, May, June and July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 3/10/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/9/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/30/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.1.5.5.1 Contact With Family Member Who Serves as Nonscholastic Coach. In women's basketball, in-person off-campus contact with a family member of a prospective student-athlete who serves on the staff of the prospective student-athlete's nonscholastic team shall count as a contact, unless the family member also serves as a head coach of the prospective student-athlete's scholastic team and the contact is unrelated to recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. *(Revised: 10/17/05, 4/25/18)*

13.1.5.5.2 Additional Restrictions – July Evaluation Periods. In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14, 4/25/18)*

13.1.5.6 Lacrosse and Softball. In lacrosse and softball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning September 1 at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/16/18, 4/18/18 effective 4/25/18, 5/1/19)*

13.1.5.7 Counting Contacts and Evaluations. Evaluations that occur September 1 through May 31 count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities, except for evaluations that occur on the same day as a permissible contact (see Bylaw 13.1.5.4.1). From June 1 through August 31, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts (see Bylaw 13.02.4) count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period. All contacts and evaluations are subject to recruiting calendar restrictions. *(Revised: 10/30/12, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17)*

13.1.5.8 On Same Day. Any number of contacts made during the same day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one contact. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

13.1.5.9 Letter-of-Intent Signing. Any in-person, off-campus contact made with a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of signing a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution or attendance at activities related to the signing of a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution shall be prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 10/30/14)*

13.1.5.9.1 Delivery of Letter of Intent. In-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member shall be prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail, electronic mail or facsimile machine. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 11/22/04, 10/30/14)*

13.1.5.10 Post-High School Contacts. In sports other than men's basketball, the contact limitations apply to the period before October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school and the period beginning October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. In men's basketball, an institution shall be limited to three contacts with a prospective student-athlete beginning October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school, even if the institution did not use all its recruiting opportunities for the prospective student-athlete in the previous year. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/90, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/14, 6/22/15, 4/13/17)*

13.1.6 Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites.

13.1.6.1 Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. Any staff member desiring to contact a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school or two-year college first shall obtain permission for such contact from that institution's executive officer (or the executive officer's authorized

representative). Contact may be made only when such permission is granted. Institutions also are bound by this provision when recruiting international prospective student-athletes. **[D]** (*Revised: 8/5/04, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16*)

13.1.6.1.1 No Contact When Classes are in Session -- Basketball. In basketball, contact may not be made during the time of the day when classes are in session. For two-year colleges that conduct classes throughout the day, contact may not be made until after 4 p.m. local time and the prospective student-athlete shall not miss class for such contact. **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/28/16*)

13.1.6.2 Contact With Prospective Student-Athletes Involved in Competition.

13.1.6.2.1 Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, in-person contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete at any site prior to any athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant on a day of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. In-person contact may occur after the prospective student-athlete's competition concludes for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate authority (e.g., coach). **[D]** (*Adopted: 5/1/19, Revised: 7/17/20*)

13.1.6.2.2 Basketball. In basketball, in-person contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members on a day of athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. If a prospective student-athlete reports on call (at the direction of a coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g., traveling to an away from-home game) prior to the day of competition, in-person contact may not be made with the prospective student-athlete from the time the prospective student-athlete reports on call until the day after the end of competition and the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate institutional authority. Such contact shall be governed by the following: **[D]** (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96, 4/3/02, 4/24/03, 3/23/06, 12/12/06, 9/18/07, 1/15/14, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 5/1/19, 7/17/20*)

- (a) In-person contact is permitted with a prospective student-athlete involved in a tournament that is not conducted on consecutive days, provided the contact occurs on a day in which the prospective student-athlete does not participate in competition and the prospective student-athlete is released by the appropriate institutional authority ;
- (b) In-person contact with a prospective student-athlete who is on an extended road trip (e.g., traveling with a team from one contest or event to another), is permitted the day after competition and prior to the commencement of travel to the next competition, provided the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate institutional authority ;
- (c) In men's basketball, communication with a prospective student-athlete's coach or any other individual associated with the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event, June scholastic event, National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp, USA Basketball Junior National Team Minicamp or NCAA College Basketball Academy; however, an institutional coaching staff member may communicate (but not have in-person contact) with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members or the prospective student-athlete's high school coach (or high school administrator) during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in those events; and
- (d) In women's basketball, during the July evaluation periods, all communication with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, the prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited.

13.1.6.2.3 Approved Events. It is permissible for athletics staff members who are responsible for conducting an approved athletics event (see Bylaw 13.11.3) involving prospective student-athletes to come in normal contact with participants; however, under no circumstances may recruitment take place.

13.1.6.2.4 Athletics Events Outside Contact or Recruiting Period -- Football and Basketball. In-person contact with a prospective student-athlete shall not be made on or off the institution's campus at the site of practice or competition for any athletics event in which the prospective student-athlete participates outside the permissible contact or recruiting periods in football and basketball. When a prospective student-athlete in football or basketball participates in an athletics contest or event (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) on an institution's campus outside a contact or recruiting period, it is not permissible for an authorized

institutional staff member to have contact with the prospective student-athlete until the calendar day following release from the contest or event. Further, if a prospective student-athlete is visiting an institution's campus immediately before or after participating in an athletics contest or event on the institution's campus, the prospective student-athlete must depart the locale of the institution the calendar day before or after the contest or event. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/3/02, 6/1/07, 10/30/14)*

13.1.6.2.5 All-Star Contests -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, in-person contact with a prospective student-athlete who is participating in an all-star contest shall not be made from the time the prospective student-athlete arrives in the locale of the contest until the prospective student-athlete returns home or to the prospective-student-athlete's educational institution. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.1.6.2.6 Contact by Student-Athletes and Other Enrolled Students. Contact between an enrolled student-athlete (or an enrolled student) and a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's practice or competition site is not permissible if it occurs at the direction of an institutional staff member (see Bylaw 13.1.2.7). **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/23/15)*

13.1.6.3 Bowl Games. During a dead period, a prospective student-athlete may attend an institution's bowl game practice session at the bowl site, provided the practice is open to the general public and the prospective student-athlete observes the practice only from an area reserved for that purpose for the general public. No contact between the prospective student-athlete and institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests may occur. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 5/27/11, 10/30/14)*

13.1.7 Evaluations.

13.1.7.1 Visit (Without Contact) to Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. A visit (without contact) by a coaching staff member to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution counts as an evaluation for all prospective student-athletes in that sport at that educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.1.1 Competition Not Involving Educational Institution Visited. A member institution does not use an evaluation for prospective student-athletes at an educational institution if the coach observes competition at that institution between prospective student-athletes who do not attend that institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

13.1.7.2 Evaluations Are Sport Specific. The limitations on the number of evaluations in Bylaw 13.1.7 are sport specific. Therefore, a prospective student-athlete being earnestly recruited [see Bylaw 15.5.9.7.1-(d)] by an institution in more than one sport may be evaluated on the permissible number of occasions in each of those sports during the academic year. Evaluations are counted against the sport of the coach making the evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.2.1 Recruiting Opportunities in Cross Country and Track and Field. An institution is limited to a total of seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year during which the prospective student-athlete competes in any or all of the sports of cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, provided not more than three of the opportunities are contacts. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 4/22/98)*

13.1.7.3 Evaluations -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be contacts (see Bylaws 13.1.5.1 and 13.1.5.7). **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 1/9/06, 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.3.1 Evaluations During Contact Periods -- Women's Lacrosse. Evaluations of live athletics activities during a contact period shall be limited to: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/8/16 effective 9/1/16)*

- (a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and
- (b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur.

13.1.7.4 Evaluations -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, institutional staff members shall be limited to three evaluations during the academic year during which the prospective student-athlete competes or practices on any team. Not more than one evaluation may be used during the fall evaluation period and not more than two evaluations may be used during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period. An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on the same day during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academic evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospective student-athlete on a separate day during the evaluation period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/12/03)*

13.1.7.4.1 Head Coach Restriction – Spring Evaluation Period. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the head coach [and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach (see Bylaw 13.1.2.6.1)] shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities, participate in an off-campus coaching clinic, visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution for any reason, meet with a prospective student-athlete's coach at an off-campus locations, or attend or speak at a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school awards banquet, high school all-star banquet). In addition, the head coach (and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not make an in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period at any location, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/14/08, Revised: 1/17/09, 1/16/10, 10/20/14, 10/30/14, 9/29/15*)

13.1.7.4.2 Time Period for Counting Football Evaluations. [FBS/FCS] In football, the time period during which the three permissible evaluations may take place shall be from April 15 through April 14 of the following academic year. (*Adopted: 6/16/15*)

13.1.7.4.3 Limitations on the Number of Spring Evaluations. [FBS/FCS] In football, institutional staff members shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than two calendar days during the spring evaluation period. A visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that only includes contact with a signed prospective student-athlete during the spring evaluation period shall be considered one of the institution's two permissible days at that institution. **[D]** (*Adopted: 6/16/15*)

13.1.7.4.4 Evaluation Days. [FBS/FCS] In football, each institution is limited to 42 (54 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the fall evaluation period and 168 (216 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days during the spring evaluation period. **[D]** (*Adopted: 6/16/15*)

13.1.7.4.5 Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, all live athletics evaluations shall be limited to: (*Adopted: 6/16/15*)

- (a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests and practices;
- (b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur; or
- (c) Events, other than all-star contests and associated activities (e.g., practice, banquets, coaches clinics, etc.), that are organized and conducted solely by the applicable state high school athletics association, state preparatory school association or state or national junior college athletics association.

13.1.7.4.5.1 Other Evaluation Events -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institutional staff member shall not attend a recruiting event (other than those permitted pursuant to Bylaw 13.1.7.4.5) in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available. **[D]** (*Adopted: 6/16/15*)

13.1.7.4.6 Scholastic and Nonscholastic Activities -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, live athletics evaluations may be conducted at scholastic or nonscholastic athletics activities, except for all-star contests and associated activities other than practice (e.g., banquets, coaches clinics, etc.), provided there is no institutional involvement in arranging or directing such activities. An institutional staff member may attend a recruiting event (other than a permissible live athletics event) in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available. **[D]** (*Adopted: 6/16/15, Revised: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16*)

13.1.7.4.7 All-Star Contests -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institutional staff member shall not attend an all-star contest or other activities associated with such a contest (e.g., practice, banquets, coaches clinics, etc.). **[D]** (*Adopted: 6/16/15, Revised: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16*)

13.1.7.4.8 All-Star Contest -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institutional staff member shall not attend an all-star contest or activities, other than practice, associated with such a contest (e.g., banquet, coaches clinics, etc.). **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16*)

13.1.7.5 Evaluations -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4, 13.1.5.4.1, 13.1.5.7 and 13.1.5.10). Men's basketball coaching staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-

person days September 1 through May 31. *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/9/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 10/30/12, 6/16/15, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.1.7.5.1 Academic Year Recruiting Periods. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year recruiting periods shall be limited to: **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

- (a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and
- (b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur.

13.1.7.5.2 April Evaluation Periods. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the April evaluation periods shall be limited to nonscholastic events that are certified per Bylaw 13.18. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.5.3 June Evaluation Periods. During the June evaluation periods, evaluations of live athletics activities are limited to: **[D]** *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, Revised: 10/3/18 effective 4/1/19, 10/18/19)*

- (a) Scholastic and intercollegiate events that:
 - (1) Are approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the NCAA (for events conducted by scholastic associations that are not members of the National Federation of State High School Associations) or an applicable two-year college governing body (NJCAA, CCCAA, NWAC);
 - (2) For events involving high school prospective student-athletes, are organized and conducted exclusively by the applicable state high school athletics association and/or state high school basketball coaches association (or if there is no state high school basketball coaches association, the state high school coaches association) or the applicable scholastic association that is not a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations. For events involving two-year college prospective student-athletes, are organized and conducted exclusively by the applicable two-year college governing body and/or two-year college coaches association; and
 - (3) Occur at an educational institution (e.g., middle school, high school, two-year or four-year collegiate institution) other than an NCAA Division I institution.
- (b) Two days of the National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp.

13.1.7.5.4 July Evaluation Periods. During the July evaluation periods and subject to additional recruiting calendar restrictions (see Bylaw 13.17.2), a member of an institution's basketball coaching staff may attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1, noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 13.18, noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body and are not organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests) and the NCAA College Basketball Academy. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 12/14/18)*

13.1.7.5.4.1 Practice in Preparation for a Certified Event. An institutional coaching staff member may attend organized team practices in preparation for a certified event, provided such practice time has been designated by the organizer as part of the event. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.5.4.2 Events Organized and Conducted for Recruiting Purposes. A coaching staff member shall not attend events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body but are organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose, unless such events are certified per Bylaw 13.18. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.5.5 NBA Draft Combine. Evaluations conducted at the National Basketball Association (NBA) Draft Combine are not included in the 100 recruiting-person days. *(Revised: 6/16/15, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.1.7.5.6 National Team Activities.

13.1.7.5.6.1 Team Coached by Division I Coach. A coaching staff member may attend a live organized athletic activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team), outside an evaluation or recruiting period, provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball). **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 4/1/19)*

13.1.7.5.6.2 Summer USA Basketball Junior National Team Minicamp. During June, July and August, a coaching staff member's attendance at a USA Basketball Junior National Team minicamp is not subject to the restrictions of the men's basketball recruiting calendar. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 4/1/19)*

13.1.7.5.7 Regional Championships Approved, Sponsored or Conducted by FIBA. A coaching staff member may attend regional championships (e.g., FIBA U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.) that are approved, sponsored or conducted by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) outside permissible recruiting and evaluation periods. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with such events, provided the practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 6/28/17)*

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaws 13.1.5.5 and 13.1.5.7). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 65 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the April, May, June and July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. *(Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/9/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 6/15/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.1.7.6.1 Evaluation Periods Other Than July. Evaluations of live athletics activities outside of July shall be limited to: *(Revised: 6/16/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices;
- (b) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur;
- (c) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend of May; and
- (d) International scholastic and nonscholastic practice and competition.

13.1.7.6.1.1 National Standardized Testing Weekends. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during evaluation periods other than July shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered. If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered during the third weekend in April, the nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April. *(Revised: 6/16/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.1.7.6.2 July Evaluation Period. During the July evaluation period, an institutional coaching staff member may attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1, international scholastic and nonscholastic practice and competition, and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 13.18. *(Revised: 6/16/15, 4/25/18, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.1.7.6.3 On-Campus Events. Evaluations at nonscholastic events and noninstitutional camps or clinics that occur on a Division I campus are prohibited. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.6.4 Practice in Preparation for a Certified Event. An institutional coaching staff member may attend organized team practices in preparation for a certified event, provided such practice time has been designated by the organizer as part of the event. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.6.5 Events Not Subject to Certification Program. During any contact or evaluation period, an institutional coaching staff member may attend noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body and are not organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests). A coaching staff member shall not attend events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body but are organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose, unless such events are certified per Bylaw 13.19. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.6.6 International Evaluations. An institutional coaching staff member may evaluate at any international scholastic or nonscholastic competition or practice during any contact or evaluation period and other permissible events (see Bylaws 13.1.7.6.7 and 13.1.7.15). Academic year international evaluations count toward the 65 recruiting-person day limit. Up to 10 calendar days may be used for international evaluations during June, July and August, during evaluation period or other permissible events. Up to two coaching staff members per institution per day may attend international scholastic or nonscholastic competition or practice during the 10 calendar days. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.1.7.6.7 National Team Activities and Regional Championships. During quiet and dead periods, 10 of the 65 permissible recruiting-person days may be used at the following: **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 4/25/18, 7/3/19, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) **National Team Activities.** Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any live organized athletic activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, intra-squad competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team) provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) or has a Division I coach involved (e.g., floor coach, selection committee member, evaluator) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball); and
- (b) **Regional Championships.** Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any regional championship [e.g., International Basketball Federation (FIBA) U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.] that is approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with such events, provided the practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer.

13.1.7.7 On Same Day. Any number of evaluations or observations made during the same calendar day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one evaluation. (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)

13.1.7.8 Evaluations in Team Sports. In team sports, an institution shall use an evaluation for each prospective student-athlete participating in a practice or contest observed by the institution's coach, except an evaluation that occurs on the same day as a permissible contact (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). An institution's coach who is attending an event in which prospective student-athletes from multiple educational institutions participate in drills (e.g., combine) shall use an evaluation only for each prospective student-athlete participating in the event that the coach observes engaging in the drills. In football, an observation that occurs during a permissible contact period shall count only as a contact per Bylaw 13.02.4.1. (*Revised: 6/28/04, 5/14/05, 10/30/12*)

13.1.7.9 Evaluation Days -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach's employment activities in an institutional camp or clinic (including another NCAA four-year institution's camp or clinic) or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic within a 50-mile radius of the institution do not count toward the evaluation days limitation. A coach's (including a volunteer coach) involvement outside the contact/evaluation period with a local sports club per Bylaw 13.11.2.4 shall count toward the limit. A coach's (including a volunteer coach) employment activities in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic outside a 50-mile radius of the institution shall count toward the limit. **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

13.1.7.10 Evaluation Days -- Women's Beach Volleyball. In women's beach volleyball, an institution is limited to 50 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. Evaluation days are specific to academic evaluations, beach volleyball practice and beach volleyball competition only (no evaluations of other athletics activities). A coach's involvement outside a beach volleyball contact or evaluation period with a local sports club (volleyball or beach volleyball) per Bylaw 13.11.2.4 shall count toward the limit. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

13.1.7.11 Evaluations in Individual Sports. An institution's coach who is attending a practice or event in which prospective student-athletes from multiple institutions participate in drills (e.g., combine) or competition in an individual sport on a specific day shall use an evaluation only for those participants whom the coach observes engaging in practice or competition. The evaluation is not counted for a particular prospective student-athlete if a contact is made with that prospective student-athlete during the same day (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 6/28/04, 5/4/05, 10/30/12*)

13.1.7.12 Evaluation Days -- Men's Golf. In men's golf, each institution is limited to 45 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach's employment activities in instructional camps or clinics do not count toward the evaluation days limitation. (*Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

13.1.7.13 Tournament and Multiple-Day Event Evaluations. Evaluation during each day of a tournament or multiple-day event (e.g., jamboree, round robin, showcase) held during the academic year shall count as a separate evaluation except as follows (see Bylaws 13.1.4.1.1 and 13.1.4.2.3.1): (*Revised: 1/14/97, 3/22/06, 1/22/20*)

- (a) Evaluation of multiple contests in a tournament or multiple-day event that occurs on consecutive days shall count as a single evaluation.

- (b) Evaluation of multiple contests in a single tier of a tournament or multiple-day event (e.g., sectional, district, regional) shall count as a single observation. If a particular tier of a tournament is subdivided into identifiable segments (e.g., conducted on different weekends), evaluation of contests in each identifiable segment counts as a single observation.

13.1.7.14 Open Events in Which College Teams Compete. An institution does not use an evaluation if the institution's team competes in an open event (e.g., track and field meet) in which prospective student-athletes also compete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.15 Coaches' Attendance at Elite and Junior Level International Events. Coaching staff members may attend Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. However, attendance at qualifying competition for such events, including tryouts, remains subject to the applicable recruiting calendars. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 8/11/11, 1/14/12, 4/28/16, 1/22/20)*

13.1.7.15.1 Associated Practices. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods (or recruiting periods in men's basketball), provided such practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer. *(Adopted: 10/4/16, Revised: 1/22/20)*

13.1.7.16 Evaluation of Individuals Before They Become Prospective Student-Athletes. In sports other than men's basketball, softball and women's volleyball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the ninth grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a contact or evaluation period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. In men's basketball, softball and women's volleyball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the seventh grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 6/9/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 4/25/18, 10/27/21 effective 1/1/22)*

13.1.7.17 Off-Campus Observation of Recruiting or Scouting Service Video. Off-campus observation of a prospective student-athlete via video made available by a recruiting or scouting service is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to applicable evaluation regulations. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

13.1.7.18 Coaches' Involvement in Local Sports Clubs -- No Requirement to Count Evaluations. A coaching staff member is not required to count evaluations for any observations of prospective student-athletes that occur while the coach is participating in permissible activities and acting on behalf of a local sports club (e.g., coaching or instructional activities, scouting future opponents). *(Adopted: 1/10/13)*

13.1.8 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities.

13.1.8.1 Coaching Staff Member -- During a Contact, Evaluation, Recruiting or Quiet Period. During a contact, evaluation, recruiting or quiet period, a coach may speak at or attend a banquet or meeting where prospective student-athletes are in attendance or at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution without using one of the institution's permissible contacts or evaluations, provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/22)*

- (a) The event is initiated and conducted by an entity outside the coach's institution;
- (b) The individual does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
- (c) The individual does not have direct contact with a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance; and
- (d) The individual does not engage in evaluation activities.

13.1.8.1.1 Basketball and Football -- Banquets or Meetings at a Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution During a Contact, Evaluation or Recruiting Period. A coach who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution where prospective student-athletes are in attendance during a contact, evaluation or recruiting period uses the institution's once-per-week visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/19/22)*

13.1.8.2 Noncoaching Staff Members With Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- During a Contact, Evaluation, Recruiting or Quiet Period. During a contact, evaluation, recruiting or quiet period, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may speak at or attend a banquet or meeting at a location other than a prospective student-athlete's educational institution where prospective student-athletes are in attendance, provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/22)*

- (a) The event is initiated and conducted by an entity outside the staff member's institution;
- (b) The individual does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

- (c) The individual does not have direct contact with a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance; and
- (d) The individual does not engage in evaluation activities.

13.1.8.3 During a Dead Period. During a dead period, a coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may not speak at a meeting or banquet where prospective student-athletes are in attendance. A coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may attend a meeting or banquet at a location other than a prospective student-athlete's educational institution where prospective student-athletes are in attendance provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/22)*

- (a) The event is open to the general public;
- (b) The event is initiated and conducted by an entity outside the coach or staff member's institution; and
- (c) The individual does not evaluate, make a recruiting presentation or have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance.

13.1.8.4 Noncoaching Staff Members Without Sport-Specific Responsibilities. A noncoaching staff member without sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., athletics director, compliance administrator, athletics academic counselor) may speak at or attend a meeting or banquet where prospective student-athletes are in attendance at any time provided the individual does not make a recruiting presentation and no recruiting conversations occur. *(Adopted: 1/19/22)*

13.1.8.5 Virtual Attendance. A member of the institution's athletics staff may virtually participate (e.g., videoconference, prerecorded message) in a meeting or banquet where prospective student-athletes will be in attendance at any time, provided: *(Adopted: 1/19/22)*

- (a) The request to participate was initiated by an entity outside the staff member's institution;
- (b) The individual does not make a recruiting presentation and no recruiting conversations occur.

13.1.8.6 Postseason Game Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a coach may speak at or attend a meeting or banquet (at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance) in conjunction with the institution's appearance in a postseason contest that occurs during a dead period only if the meeting or banquet is open to the general public, it is a scheduled activity associated with the contest, and the coach does not make a recruiting presentation or have any direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family members) in attendance. *(Adopted: 9/15/97, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.1.8.7 NCAA Promotional Activities Exception. An institution's coach may participate in NCAA promotional activities (e.g., autograph sessions, fan festivals and opening ceremonies) at NCAA championship events, provided contacts with prospective student-athletes are not prearranged and recruiting activities do not occur. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

13.1.9 Funeral/Memorial Services. An institutional staff member may attend the funeral or memorial services of a student-athlete, a prospective student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's or a prospective student-athlete's family, at which prospective student-athletes also may be in attendance, provided no recruiting contact occurs. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 5/1/19)*

13.1.10 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference office may coordinate sportsmanship initiatives that may involve prospective student-athletes and their educational institutions subject to the following conditions (see Bylaws 13.4.3.4, 13.10.1.3 and 13.15.1.8): **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/30/14)*

- (a) Any participating prospective student-athlete must attend a high school within a 30-mile radius of a conference member institution's campus;
- (b) Any initiative that requires the actual presence of a prospective student-athlete shall not take place on an institution's campus; and
- (c) An institution's student-athletes may participate, subject to the conditions of Bylaw 12.5.1.1.

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

13.2.1 General Regulation. An institution's staff member or any representative of its athletics interests shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is determined that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their family members or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international

students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. **[R]** (*Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 3/24/05, 4/25/18*)

13.2.1.1 Specific Prohibitions. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following: **[R]** (*Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/23/08, 4/25/18*)

- (a) An employment arrangement for a prospective student-athlete's family members;
- (b) Gift of clothing or equipment;
- (c) Co-signing of loans;
- (d) Providing loans to a prospective student-athlete's family members or friends;
- (e) Cash or like items;
- (f) Any tangible items, including merchandise;
- (g) Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases of any type;
- (h) Free or reduced-cost housing;
- (i) Use of an institution's athletics equipment (e.g., for a high school all-star game);
- (j) Sponsorship of or arrangement for an awards banquet for high school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletes by an institution, representatives of its athletics interests or its alumni groups or booster clubs; and
- (k) Expenses for academic services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist in the completion of initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or improvement of the prospective student-athlete's academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request.

13.2.1.2 Additional Prohibition -- Consulting Fees -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution or staff member shall not provide a consulting fee to an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete or to a consulting firm in which an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete has a proprietary or financial interest. (*Adopted: 8/26/10*)

13.2.1.3 Additional Prohibition -- Consulting Fees -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution or staff member shall not provide a consulting fee to an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete or to a consulting firm in which an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete has a proprietary or financial interest. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored*)

13.2.1.4 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 occurs in which an institution or a basketball staff member employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. (*Adopted: 8/12/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

13.2.1.5 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Football. [FBS/FCS] If a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 occurs in which an institution or staff member employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. (*Adopted: 4/26/17*)

13.2.2 Institutional Pre-Enrollment Fees. [A] An institution may waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. A pre-enrollment fee is one that is required by the institution for enrollment and includes the following: (*Adopted: 1/15/16*)

- (a) The institution's processing fee required prior to the admissions office's evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's application;
- (b) The orientation-counseling tests fee required of all incoming students;
- (c) The preadmission academic testing fee;
- (d) Advance tuition payment for a prospective student-grantee;

- (e) Room deposit;
- (f) Damage deposits for dormitory rooms;
- (g) ROTC deposits for military equipment;
- (h) Immunizations; or
- (i) Any other pre-enrollment fee required of prospective students.

13.2.3 Awards to Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution is limited to providing the following awards to prospective student-athletes: (*Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/15/11, 1/23/19*)

- (a) Awards to prospective student-athletes for outstanding athletics accomplishments are prohibited, except as provided in (c) below;
- (b) Awards to high school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletics teams in the name of an NCAA member institution are prohibited, regardless of the institution's involvement (or lack thereof) in the administration of the award; and
- (c) Any award presented at an open event conducted by an institution or held on its campus (see Bylaw 13.11.3.1) or at high school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches under the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.4 must be limited in value to \$50 but may bear the institution's name and logo.

13.2.4 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.2.4.1 Prior to Completion of Senior Year. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete, provided the employment is arranged through normal institutional employment procedures (e.g., website, local newspaper, bulletin board listings) and without the intervention of any sport-specific staff member (e.g., no involvement with the hiring or supervision of the prospective student-athlete). Any compensation received by the prospective student-athlete must be for work actually performed and commensurate with the going rate for such services in the locale. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20*)

13.2.4.2 After Completion of Senior Year. An institution may arrange for employment or employ a prospective student-athlete and sport-specific staff members may be involved with the hiring or supervision of the prospective student-athlete, provided the employment does not begin prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) (*Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20*)

13.2.4.2.1 Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. Once a prospective student-athlete has enrolled as a full-time student in a two-year college, the arrangement of employment by an institution for such a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin prior to the time period in which the prospective student-athlete has officially withdrawn from or has completed requirements for graduation at the two-year college. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) (*Adopted: 1/12/99, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

13.2.4.3 Transportation to Summer Job. An institution or its representatives shall not provide a prospective student-athlete free transportation to and from a summer job unless it is the employer's established policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.

13.2.5 Loans to Prospective Student-Athletes. Arrangement of educational loans by an institution for a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the loan is not made prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. Such loans must be from a regular lending agency and based on a regular repayment schedule.

13.2.6 Summer Housing for Prospective Student-Athletes. [A] An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospective student-athlete during the summer months at the regular institutional rate, provided it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective students. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

13.2.7 Medical Expenses -- Basketball. [A] In basketball, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in: (*Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/26/17*)

- (a) An on-campus evaluation (see Bylaw 13.11.2.1);
- (b) A voluntary summer workout conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in basketball (see Bylaw 13.11.3.8); or
- (c) Required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.9).

13.2.8 Medical Expenses -- Football. [FBS/FCS]

13.2.8.1 Medical Expenses -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who

sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in football (see Bylaw 13.11.3.7.1) or while participating in required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.10). *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 12/15/06, 10/30/13, 4/26/17)*

13.2.8.2 Medical Expenses -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach or a countable coach who is a certified strength and conditioning coach (see Bylaw 13.11.3.7.2) or while participating in required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.10). *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 12/15/06, 5/4/09, 10/30/13, 4/26/17)*

13.2.9 Medical Expenses -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. [A] In sports other than basketball and football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in any sport (see Bylaw 13.11.3.8). *(Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/26/17)*

13.2.10 Life-Threatening Injury or Illness. An institution may provide a donation (up to \$100) to a charity on behalf of a prospective student-athlete or may provide other reasonable tokens of support (e.g., flowers, card) in the event of the death of the prospective student-athlete or the death or life-threatening injury or illness of a member of the prospective student-athlete's family. *(Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 4/28/05, 5/26/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 5/1/19)*

13.2.11 Benefits for Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members. An institutional staff member may provide a benefit to a member of the prospective student-athlete's family, provided: *(Revised: 5/11/05)*

- (a) The family member has a pre-existing established relationship with the institutional staff member; and
- (b) The benefit provided is consistent with the nature and level of benefits that the institutional staff member has provided to the family member prior to the prospective student-athlete starting classes for the ninth grade.

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or the individual's family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96, 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/26/07, 4/15/08, 6/13/08, 3/29/10, 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 1/18/14, 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 11/17/21)*

13.4.1.1 Exception -- Baseball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, football, lacrosse and softball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or the individual's family members) until September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the individual (or the individual's family members) until the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/1/19, 5/18/22)*

13.4.1.2 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or the individual's family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or the individual's family members) until the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/15/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 5/27/11, 1/18/14, 4/25/18)*

13.4.1.3 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or the individual's family members) until June 1 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the individual (or the individual's family members) until the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** *(Adopted: 5/18/22)*

13.4.1.4 Exception -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or the individual's family members) until January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school. **[D]** (Adopted: 1/18/14, Revised: 4/25/18)

13.4.1.5 Exception -- Electronic Correspondence to a Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach Who Is the Family Member of a Prospective Student-Athlete. Electronic Correspondence may be sent at the institution's discretion to a prospective student-athlete's coach who is the family member of a prospective student-athlete. (Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/25/18)

13.4.1.6 Exception -- Electronic Correspondence in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit. Electronic correspondence may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit. If otherwise impermissible correspondence occurs under this exception and a scheduled unofficial visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such correspondence shall not be considered institutional violations. (Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/23/19)

13.4.1.7 Exception -- Electronic Correspondence Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Electronic correspondence to an individual (or the individual's family members or coach) that relates solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) may be sent at any time, provided the correspondence does not contain recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs. **[D]** (Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/18/14, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/28/16, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/25/18, 11/17/21)

13.4.1.8 Responding to Prospective Student-Athlete's Request. Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospective student-athlete's letter or electronic correspondence requesting information from an institution's athletics department prior to the permissible date on which an institution may begin to provide recruiting materials to a prospective student-athlete, provided the written response does not include information that would initiate the recruitment of the prospective student-athlete or information related to the institution's athletics program (e.g., the reply contains an explanation of current NCAA legislation or a referral to the admissions department). An electronic reply must be a permissible form of electronic correspondence. **[D]** (Revised: 5/26/06, 4/20/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 11/17/21)

13.4.1.9 Recruiting Materials. As specified below, an institution may provide only the following materials to a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved: **[D]** (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 3/8/06, 5/25/06, 12/12/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/14/08, 4/15/08, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 9/24/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 5/27/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 4/25/18, 1/23/19, 11/17/21)

- (a) **General Correspondence.** There are no restrictions on the design or content of general correspondence and attachments, except that the size of the printed material may not exceed 8½ by 11 inches when opened in full. There are no restrictions on the design or content of an envelope used to send general correspondence and attachments, except that the size of the envelope may not exceed 9 by 12 inches.
- (b) **Camp or Clinic Information.** Camp or clinic information may be provided at any time. (See Bylaw 12.5.1.6.)
- (c) **Questionnaires.** An institution may provide questionnaires at any time.
- (d) **Nonathletics Institutional Publications.** An institution may provide nonathletics institutional publications (e.g., official academic, admissions and student-services publications published by the institution) available to all students at any time.
- (e) **Educational Material Published by the NCAA.** Educational material published by the NCAA (e.g., NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete) may be provided at any time.
- (f) **Preenrollment Information.** An institution may provide any necessary preenrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities to a prospective student-athlete, provided prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment.
- (g) **Video/Audio Materials.** An institution may provide video or audio materials to a prospective student-athlete.

13.4.2 Conference Restrictions. A member conference is precluded from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes. **[D]** (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04)

13.5 Transportation.

13.5.1 General Restrictions. An institution may not provide transportation to a prospective student-athlete other than on an official paid visit or, on an unofficial visit, to view a practice or competition site in the prospective student-athlete's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility when accompanied by an institutional staff member. During the official paid visit, transportation may be provided to view a practice or competition site and other institutional facilities located outside a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/27/06)*

13.5.1.1 Nonpermissible Transportation. If nonpermissible transportation is provided, the institution may not avoid a violation of this rule by receiving reimbursement for mileage from the prospective student-athlete.

13.5.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit.

13.5.2.1 General Restrictions. An institution may pay a prospective student-athlete's actual transportation costs for an official visit to its campus from any location, provided the prospective student-athlete returns to the original point of departure or travels to the prospective student-athlete's home, educational institution or site of competition. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/9/06, 5/26/06, 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. If a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete's coach as set forth in Bylaw 13.8.1.2) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

13.5.2.2.1 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospective student-athlete or by a student host. **[R]**

13.5.2.2.2 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete and Family Members. Except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4, a coaching staff member shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport or from an official visit unless the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the 48-hour period of the official visit shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. On completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members immediately. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/12/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.2.2.1 Football Championship Subdivision Exception. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, any member of an institution's athletics department (except a volunteer coach per Bylaw 11.01.6) who has been certified pursuant to a conference certification program may provide such transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the prospective student-athlete's home or educational institution and the member institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 12/15/06)*

13.5.2.2.3 On-Campus Transportation. An institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying a prospective student-athlete) around campus during the official visit may use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus, institutional vehicles normally used to transport the institution's athletics teams, or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member or student host. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.3 Air Transportation. [A] An institution providing air transportation to a prospective student-athlete to and from an official campus visit must use commercial transportation at coach-class airfare. Coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete to or from an official visit when air travel is used, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 8/5/04)*

13.5.2.3.1 Ticket Discounts. An institution may not arrange payment of the airline ticket to allow a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members or friends) to take advantage of ticket bonuses, rebates, refunds, upgrades or other benefits connected with the purchase of the ticket. *(Revised: 8/5/04, 4/25/18)*

13.5.2.4 From Airport or Bus or Train Station. During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. If a prospective student-athlete is transported by a member of the institution's athletics department from an airport or bus or train station other than the major airport or

bus or train station nearest the institution, the 48-hour official visit period begins with the initiation of the ground transportation by the member of the institution's athletics department staff. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 7/27/07)*

13.5.2.5 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution. **[R]**

13.5.2.6 Transportation of Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members or Friends. **[A]** An institution shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by family members or friends of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere; however, an institution may: **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/94, 5/12/05, 7/27/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 1/16/19)*

- (a) Provide automobile-mileage reimbursement to a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, even if family members or friends accompany the prospective student-athlete;
- (b) Permit the family members of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official visit; and
- (c) Provide transportation between its campus and any bus or train station or airport for the family members of a prospective student-athlete making an official visit.

13.5.2.6.1 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Basketball. **[A]** In basketball, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/16/19)*

13.5.2.6.2 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. **[FBS]** In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During an unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. The institution may use an institutional vehicle normally used to transport prospective students visiting campus, an institutional vehicle normally used to transport the institution's athletics team or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such transportation. Payment of any other transportation expenses, shall be considered a violation. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/27/00, 3/10/04, 4/28/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/27/06, 4/25/18)*

13.5.4 Transportation Prior to Initial Enrollment. **[A]** An institution or its representatives shall not furnish a prospective student-athlete, directly or indirectly, with transportation to the campus for enrollment. However, it is permissible for any member of the institution's staff to provide: *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/9/06, 10/17/13, 8/7/14)*

- (a) Transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution to attend classes for a regular term or to participate in preseason practice, or for initial enrollment for the institution's summer term for a prospective student-athlete who has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the prospective student-athlete's initial summer term; and
- (b) Transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete's arrival and departure from the institution to attend the institution's required new-student orientation, provided the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution.

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

13.6.1 Institutional Policies. An institution must have written departmental policies related to official visits that apply to prospective student-athletes, student hosts, coaches and other athletics administrators that are approved by the institution's president or chancellor. The institution is responsible for the development and enforcement of appropriate policies and penalties regarding specified areas, as identified by the Board of Directors. The institution shall have an outside entity (e.g., conference office) evaluate its policies related to official visits once every four years. The institution may be held accountable through the NCAA infractions process for activities that clearly demonstrate a disregard for its stated policies. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 3/8/06, 7/31/14, 1/23/19)*

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

13.6.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

13.6.2.1.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. **[D]** (Revised: 10/28/11 effective 8/1/12, 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, 8/5/04, 4/28/05, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 5/11/18, 5/11/19)

13.6.2.1.2 Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse, and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. **[D]** (Revised: 5/1/19, 1/22/20)

13.6.2.1.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. **[D]** (Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 4/3/02, 8/5/04, 4/28/05, 5/12/05, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, 1/22/20)

13.6.2.1.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than January 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. (Revised: 5/11/18, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)

13.6.2.1.4.1 July Evaluation Periods -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institution may not provide an expense-paid visit to a prospective student-athlete during the July evaluation periods (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5.2), unless the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 6/28/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 5/11/18)

13.6.2.1.5 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit beginning April 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. However, an institution shall not provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's participation in an institutional camp or clinic. Thereafter, an institution may provide an expense-paid visit beginning September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. **[D]** (Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 5/11/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

13.6.2.1.5.1 Exception -- Home Football Contest. [FBS/FCS] In August of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution may provide an expense-paid visit to the prospective student-athlete 48 hours before through 48 hours after an institution's home contest that occurs on the institution's campus or in a facility normally used for its home contests. (Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits -- Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation.

13.6.2.2.1 Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before October 15 following completion of high school and five beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. (Revised: 1/12/04, 10/28/11, 5/11/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)

13.6.2.2.2 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions from August 1 through July 31 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, five additional visits from August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school through October 14 following completion of high school and five visits beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. **[D]** (Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, Revised: 1/22/20)

13.6.2.2.3 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of four expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school and three expense-paid visits to Division I institutions beginning October 15 following the completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports

in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. *(Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.6.2.2.4 Nonqualifier or Academic Redshirt in First Year. A prospective student-athlete who is not a qualifier and who is enrolled in the prospective student-athlete's first year of full-time enrollment (first two semester or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution. Such a prospective student-athlete may be provided an expense-paid visit once the individual has completed an academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at a two-year college. *(Revised: 8/1/12 effective 8/1/16, 4/16/15, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3 Number of Official Visits -- Institutional Limitations. An institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete before October 15 following completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/19/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 11/12/97, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/29/09, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3.1 Exception -- Additional Visit After Departure of Head Coach. After a new head coach is hired, an institution may finance one additional visit for a prospective student-athlete who previously received an official visit to the institution. Visits provided pursuant to this exception shall also be excluded from the limitations on the number of official visits set forth in Bylaws 13.6.2.2, 13.6.2.3.2, 13.6.2.3.3, 13.6.2.3.4, 13.6.2.3.5 and 13.6.2.3.7. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/25/18, Revised: 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3.2 Baseball. In baseball, an institution may provide 25 official visits an annual basis (August 1 through July 31). A national service academy may provide 31 official visits, 25 of which may be provided prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 7/9/18)*

13.6.2.3.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete from August 1 through July 31 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, one visit from August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school through October 14 following completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer. An institution may provide up to 28 official visits in a rolling two-year period (each year measured August 1 through July 31). A national service academy may provide up to 34 official visits in a rolling two-year period; however, the institution shall not exceed 28 official visits prior to the initial date of the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent of the first year in each rolling two-year period. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, 5/21/21)*

13.6.2.3.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institution may provide official visits to up to 24 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period. A national service academy may provide official visits to up to 30 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period (each year measured August 1 through July 31); however, the institution shall not exceed 24 official visits prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date of the first year in each rolling two-year period. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18)*

13.6.2.3.5 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution may provide 56 official visits on an annual basis (April 1 through March 31). The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. **[D]** *(Revised: 5/11/18, 5/16/18, 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.3.5.1 Unused Visits -- Football. In football, an institution may retain a maximum of six unused visits from the previous year. Such visits may be used only during the following year. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 12/15/06, 10/29/09, 5/11/18, 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.3.5.2 National Service Academies and Institutions That Do Not Subscribe to the National Letter of Intent. [FBS/FCS] A national service academy or an institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent may provide 70 official visits, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial date of the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent. An official visit provided to a senior prospective student-athlete April 1 through July 31 may count toward the previous year's limit. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

13.6.2.3.6 Multiple-Sport Prospective Student-Athletes. A prospective student-athlete in football and one or more other sports (including basketball or baseball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in football. A prospective student-athlete in basketball and one or more other sports (other than football) shall be counted against the visit limitation in basketball. A prospective student-athlete in baseball and one or more other sports (other than football

or basketball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in baseball. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/29/09, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.3.7 Head Coaching Change. In baseball, basketball and football, an institution may provide additional official visits (up to 25 percent of the limitation for the particular sport) after a new head coach is hired, provided the previous head coach used 75 percent or more of the official visits permitted for that academic year. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/29/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/29/09, 8/21/12, 5/11/18)*

13.6.2.4 Visit to Off-Campus Contest. An institution may not provide a prospective student-athlete with transportation to attend an off-campus contest outside a 30-mile radius of the member institution's main campus. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/24/03, 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/21/12)*

13.6.2.5 Visit While Competing in Open Event. A host institution may pay the expenses of a recruited prospective student-athlete to participate in an established "open" event, provided the expenses of all other competitors in that event are paid; the expenses are not paid from athletics department (nonmeet) funds; and the expenses of the prospective student-athlete are limited to actual transportation, room and board. This trip shall be considered the one paid visit to the institution's campus with the prospective student-athlete remaining not more than 48 hours.

13.6.2.6 NCAA College Basketball Academy -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit during the NCAA College Basketball Academy. *(Adopted: 1/14/21 a contract signed before October 29, 2020 may be honored)*

13.6.3 Requirements for Official Visit. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide an official visit to a prospective student-athlete: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 5/9/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 2/10/16)*

- (a) A prospective student-athlete must present the institution with a high school (or college) academic transcript;
- (b) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- (c) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must be placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

13.6.3.1 NCAA Eligibility Center. A prospective student-athlete's fulfillment of these academic requirements may be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center approved by the Board of Governors. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.6.4 Length of Official Visit. An official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours. A prospective student-athlete may remain in the locale in which the institution is located after the permissible 48-hour period for reasons unrelated to the official visit, provided that at the completion of the 48-hour visit, the individual departs the institution's campus, and the institution does not pay any expenses thereafter, including the cost of return transportation to the prospective student-athlete's home. Additionally, if the prospective student-athlete does not return home prior to attending the institution, the one-way transportation to the campus would be considered a violation of Bylaw 13.5.4, which prohibits transportation to enroll. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/5/04)*

13.6.4.1 48-Hour Period Defined. The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospective student-athlete's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospective student-athlete's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community (see Bylaws 13.5.2.4, 13.6.4.1.1 and 13.6.4.1.2). The prospective student-athlete's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's transportation. At the completion of the 48-hour visit, the prospective student-athlete must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospective student-athlete's transportation home. *(Revised: 9/24/09)*

13.6.4.1.1 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete. If a coach accompanies a prospective student-athlete on an official visit by automobile per Bylaw 13.5.2.2.2, the 48-hour period shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. Upon completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members immediately. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.6.4.1.2 Lodging in the Locale of the Institution Before Visit. A prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete may receive lodging in the locale of the institution without beginning the 48-hour period if the prospective student-athlete arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day. *(Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.6.4.2 Exception to 48-Hour Period for Extenuating Circumstances. An official visit may extend beyond 48 hours for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution (e.g., inclement weather conditions, natural disaster, flight delays or cancellations, airport security activity). *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/23/19)*

13.6.5 Transportation on Official Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.5.2.

13.6.6 Accommodations on Official Visit. A prospective student-athlete on an official visit shall be provided lodging and meals as lodging and meals are normally provided to regular students. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Lodging may not include special accessories (e.g., Jacuzzis, luxury suite) that are not available generally to all guests residing at the establishment. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.7 for restrictions on meals provided to prospective student-athletes on official visits.) **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 10/29/15)*

13.6.6.1 Lodging for Additional Persons. [A] An institution may provide lodging for up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Additional persons (e.g., additional family members, friends) may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or other family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.6.7 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit. [A]

13.6.7.1 General Restrictions. [A] An institution may provide entertainment, pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.7.5, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit are prohibited. It is not permissible to entertain friends (including dates) of a prospective student-athlete at any time at any site. **[R]** *(Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/23/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

13.6.7.1.1 Meals and Lodging While in Transit. [A] It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospective student-athlete's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit. In basketball, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for up to two family members that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on the official visit. *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18, 1/16/19)*

13.6.7.1.1.1 Meals and Lodging in Transit for Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS]

In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for a prospective student-athlete's family members (expenses for up to two people) that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.6.7.2 Complimentary Admissions. [A] During the official visit, a maximum of five* complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and may be issued through digital ticketing or a pass list on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box or bench area is specifically prohibited. [*A nonautonomy conference or institution that has not opted in to the more restrictive autonomy provision may provide six complimentary admissions.] **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/9/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 1/16/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/15/21)*

13.6.7.2.1 Conference Tournaments. A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08)*

13.6.7.2.2 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** (Revised: 1/10/92, 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.6.7.2.3 Purchase of Game Tickets in Same Locale. An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of additional individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an official visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. Such tickets must be purchased at face value. **[R]** (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/25/18)

13.6.7.2.4 Exception. A member institution may provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a home athletics event that has been relocated outside a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus due to the home facility's inoperable conditions (e.g., construction or facility repairs), which result in the facility being unavailable for safe use. (Adopted: 4/28/05)

13.6.7.3 Parking. An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospective student-athletes during an official visit. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

13.6.7.4 Cash to Prospective Student-Athlete. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide cash to a prospective student-athlete for entertainment purposes.

13.6.7.5 Student Host. [A] The student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete: **[R]** (Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 8/5/04, 5/12/05, 4/27/06, 2/23/09, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 6/16/15, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)

- (a) A maximum of \$75 for each day (24-hour period) of the visit (maximum of \$150 for two 24-hour periods) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, the staff member's entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$40 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;
- (b) Complimentary meals, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and
- (c) Complimentary admissions to campus athletics events, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete to the events during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.

13.6.7.5.1 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the \$75-per-day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. Only one student host per prospective student-athlete may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are used. **[D]** (Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)

13.6.7.5.2 Nonqualifier and Academic Redshirt Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.10.3) or an academic redshirt (see Bylaw 14.02.10.2) may not serve as a student host during the student-athlete's first academic year of residence. **[D]** (Revised: 3/19/97, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16)

13.6.7.5.3 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use by the prospective student-athlete or the student host. **[R]** (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)

13.6.7.6 Student Support Group Assisting in Recruiting. An institution may not provide a free meal or entertainment to a member of an institutional student support group that assists in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete during an official visit unless the student is designated as the one student host for that prospective student-athlete. Any additional arrangement between the institution and members of such a support group (e.g., compensation, providing a uniform) is left to the discretion of the institution. (Adopted: 1/16/93)

13.6.7.7 Meals on Official Visit. [A] The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete need not be included in the \$75-per-day entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. An institution may provide, at its discretion, reasonable snacks (e.g., pizza, hamburger) to the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members in addition to the three meals. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 8/5/04, 1/9/06, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 1/19/18, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18*)

13.6.7.7.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home. [A] A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. **[R]** (*Revised: 1/9/96*)

13.6.7.8 Normal Retail Cost. [A] If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the \$75-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail costs exceeds the \$75-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/17/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/16/19*)

13.6.7.9 Activities During Official Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an official visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location outside of athletics facilities the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, dorm room, student union) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture. An institution may decorate common areas in athletics facilities (e.g., lobby, coach's office, suite in arena) for an official visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while decorated. (*Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 5/14/05, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

13.6.7.10 Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an official visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.7.3.7.) (*Adopted: 1/8/07*)

13.6.8 Visit Unrelated to Athletics Recruitment. During a visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment (e.g., admissions weekend) and for which expenses are provided by a department other than athletics, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit. (*Adopted: 1/22/20*)

13.6.9 Notice of Student-Athlete Time Demands Expectations. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide prospective student-athletes with notice of general time demands expectations related to being a student-athlete. An institution, in conjunction with an official visit, may provide additional general time demands expectations and specific expectations applicable to the sport or sports in which the prospective student-athlete is being recruited. (*Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17*)

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

13.7.1.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Men's Ice Hockey, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, men's ice hockey, lacrosse and softball, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. (*Adopted: 4/25/18, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, 5/1/19*)

13.7.1.2 Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school. (*Revised: 5/1/19, 1/22/20*)

13.7.1.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's sophomore year in high school. If an

individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than opening day of classes of the individual's sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/15/18, Revised: 1/22/20)*

13.7.1.4 Women's Basketball and Football. In women's basketball and football, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) may occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) at any time, subject to recruiting calendar restrictions per Bylaw 13.17.3 and 13.7.5, respectively. *(Adopted: 7/1/19)*

13.7.1.5 Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.7.2 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at the prospective student-athlete's own expense an unlimited number of times. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.7.2.1 Exception – Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete who has not signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has not received a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission may not make an unofficial visit during the month of July or during the NCAA College Basketball Academy. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received a financial deposit from the prospective student-athlete in response to an offer of admission may make an unofficial visit during days in July that do not include the NCAA College Basketball Academy. The prohibition on unofficial visits during the NCAA College Basketball Academy does not apply to two-year or four-year college transfer prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 4/12/11 effective 8/1/11, 11/7/13, 1/14/21 a contract signed before October 29, 2020 may be honored)*

13.7.2.2 Exception – Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not make an unofficial visit during the July evaluation periods (see Bylaw 13.1.5.5.2) unless the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received a financial deposit from the prospective student-athlete in response to an offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 6/28/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.7.3 Entertainment/Tickets.

13.7.3.1 General Restrictions. [A] During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. Complimentary admissions may not be provided during a dead period, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.3.5. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 4/24/03, 12/6/13, 4/15/21)*

13.7.3.1.1 Exception – Nontraditional Family. [A] If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/16/19)*

13.7.3.1.2 Meals. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit to an institution may pay the actual cost of meals (or the regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes. **[R]**

13.7.3.1.2.1 Exception – Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] A championship subdivision football program that restricts its total number of official visits to 25 may provide one meal to a football prospective student-athlete in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution also may provide one meal to the prospective student-athlete's family members in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit, provided it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal under similar circumstances to all prospective students' family

members visiting the campus. A prospective student-athlete who is given such a meal may not also be provided by the institution with an official visit in any sport. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 12/15/06, 4/25/18*)

13.7.3.1.2.2 Exception – Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete visiting an institution's campus as part of an admissions event (open house) may be provided with one meal in the institution's on-campus student dining facility and may have contact with institutional coaching staff members only during such an event without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution must be able to certify that it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal to all prospective student-athletes (including nonathletes) attending the admissions event. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

13.7.3.1.3 Housing – Lodging in Dormitories. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room only if the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging. **[R]**

13.7.3.1.4 Transportation During Unofficial Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.5.3.

13.7.3.1.5 Reserving Game Tickets. **[A]** An institution may reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) for the use of additional individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. Such tickets must be purchased at face value. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/19 effective 8/1/19*)

13.7.3.1.6 Parking. An institution may not arrange special parking for a prospective student-athlete to use while attending a member institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

13.7.3.1.7 Academic Interviews. An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

13.7.3.1.8 Student Host. A student host must either be a current student-athlete or a student who is designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policies for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. (*Revised: 8/5/04*)

13.7.3.2 Home Games at Site Other Than Regular Home Facility. If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site not designated as its regular home facility, the host institution may provide a maximum of three complimentary admissions to any such game for the exclusive use of a prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Tournament and postseason games are excluded. The institution shall not arrange or permit any other entertainment or payment of expenses, including transportation, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.3. **[R]** (*Revised: 4/24/03*)

13.7.3.3 Conference Tournaments. A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

13.7.3.4 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[R]** (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

13.7.3.5 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than the institution providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. Such admissions may be provided during a dead period. **[R]** (*Revised: 12/6/13*)

13.7.3.6 Visit Related to National Student-Athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for activities related to National Student-Athlete Day and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98*)

13.7.3.7 Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an unofficial visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.10.) **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/8/07*)

13.7.4 Activities During Unofficial Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an unofficial visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location outside of athletics facilities the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, dorm room, student union) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture. An institution may decorate common areas in athletics facilities (e.g., lobby, coach's office, suite in arena) for an unofficial visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while decorated. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 5/14/05, 4/27/06, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.7.5 Off-Campus Contact Within One Mile of Campus Boundaries. Off-campus contact between an institutional staff member and a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) and off-campus contact between an enrolled student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) may occur during an unofficial visit within one mile of campus boundaries. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.8 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches and Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. *(Revised: 4/3/02, 8/5/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14, 4/15/21)*

13.8.1.1 Exception -- Nonathletics Personnel. An institutional department outside the athletics department (e.g., president's office, admissions) may host nonathletics high school, preparatory school or two-year college personnel (e.g., guidance counselors, principals) in conjunction with a home intercollegiate athletics event and may provide such individuals reasonable expenses (e.g., food, refreshments, parking, room) and a nominal gift, provided the visit is not related to athletics recruiting and there is no involvement by the institution's athletics department in the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event. **[D]** *(Adopted: 3/8/12, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.2 Transportation Reimbursement. An institution shall not reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for expenses incurred in transporting a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.3 Transportation to Off-Campus Contest. If a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach transports members of the coach's athletics squad to an off-campus site to watch NCAA member institutions compete, an institution may not reimburse the coach for the transportation costs or provide complimentary tickets for the coach or any of the team members. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.4 Purchase of Game Tickets. An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by high school, preparatory or two-year college coaches (or individuals accompanying them) to attend an institution's athletics contest. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.1.5 Noncoaching-Related Organization. If a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach is a member of a noncoaching-related organization (e.g., state high school principals association, college fraternity alumni organization, institution's alumni association), an institution may entertain the group, provided there is no direct involvement by the institution's athletics department. **[D]** *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

13.8.2 Material Benefits. Arrangements by an institution that involve a material benefit for a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or for any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, (e.g., the provision of a gift such as a tangible item bearing the institution's insignia, the offer to pay a portion of the coach's or other individual's personal expenses, compensation based on the number of campers sent

to an institution's camp, or an arrangement to provide transportation for the coach or other individual) are prohibited. **[D]** (Revised: 8/5/04, 10/30/14)

13.8.2.1 Gifts at Coaches Clinic. An institution may not provide gifts to high school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in conjunction with its coaches clinic or other events. This specifically prohibits the provision of a door prize to the coach, even if the cost of the prize is included in the cumulative admission fee (the admission fee charged to each person, when combined, would cover the cost of the prize). Materials (e.g., clipboards, file folders) may be provided to each person attending the clinic, provided the items are included in the registration or admission fee. **[D]** (Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 10/30/14)

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

13.8.3.1 Employment in Athletically Related Institutional Activities -- Basketball. An institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) an individual as a speaker or presenter at any athletically related institutional event or activity (e.g., booster club function, outside consultant) if that individual is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball. (Adopted: 1/17/09)

13.8.3.2 Employment in Athletically Related Institutional Activities -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual as a speaker or presenter at any athletically related institutional event or activity (e.g., booster club function, outside consultant) if that individual is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in football. (Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)

13.8.3.3 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. (Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 6/13/11)

13.8.3.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. (Adopted: 6/20/13)

13.8.3.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of the institution's last regular-season contest. (Adopted: 4/28/16, Revised: 4/13/17, 3/3/21)

13.8.3.4 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. (Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)

13.8.3.4.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.4 occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.4 also occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-

athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.8.3.4.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution's last regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 3/3/21)*

13.8.3.5 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.8.3.5.1 Application. [FBS] A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.5 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.20) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.5 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.8.3.5.2 Exception -- Reassignment. [FBS] An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for the previous academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 3/3/21)*

13.8.3.6 Graduate Teaching Assistants. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is enrolled in a bona fide postgraduate program at a member institution is permitted to receive legitimate compensation as a graduate teaching assistant.

13.8.3.7 Employment in Different Sport. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in a different sport may be employed as a member of an institution's coaching staff. *(Revised: 3/16/07)*

13.8.3.8 Employment in Same Sport. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in the same sport shall not be employed as a member of an institution's coaching staff.

13.8.3.8.1 Contract for Future Employment. A member institution is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for an employment opportunity that begins with the next academic year, provided the employment contract with the member institution is not contingent upon the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete and the coach does not begin any coaching duties (e.g., recruiting, selection of coaching staff) for the member institution while remaining associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college.

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements and Offers.

13.9.1 Oral Offers -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an athletics department staff member shall not, directly or indirectly, provide an individual an oral offer (or indicate that an offer will or may be made) of athletically related financial aid, other institutional financial aid, admission to the institution or as a member of an intercollegiate team before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.9.2 Requirements for Written Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.3.2.2) to a prospective student-athlete: **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10)*

- (a) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center;
- (b) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must be placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and

- (c) A high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

13.9.3 Letter of Intent Restriction. A member institution may not participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement that involves a signing date that precedes the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date for the National Letter of Intent program in the same sport. However, an institution may permit a prospective student-athlete to sign an institutional or conference letter of intent during the National Letter of Intent early signing period in the applicable sport. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 12/12/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.9.3.1 Mailing of Financial Aid Offer. An institutional or conference financial aid form may be included in the normal mailing of the National Letter of Intent, but none of the forms enclosed in the mailing may be signed by the prospective student-athlete prior to the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.9.3.2 Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date. Before August 1 of an individual's senior year in high school, an institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the individual that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution. On or after August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution may indicate in writing to a prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospective student-athlete to sign a form indicating acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in the applicable sport in the National Letter of Intent program. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 3/3/11)*

13.9.3.2.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution may indicate in writing on or after the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospective student-athlete to sign a form indicating acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. **[D]** *(Adopted: 6/23/15)*

13.9.3.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings – Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

13.9.3.3.1 Application. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for that academic year. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for that academic year or the limit for the next academic year. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

13.9.3.3.2 Exception – Agreement After One Year. [FBS] A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.9.3.3.3 Exception – Incapacitating Injury or Illness. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activities, becomes injured or ill to the point that the individual apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not count toward the institution's annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

13.10 Publicity.

13.10.1 Publicity Before Commitment.

13.10.1.1 Comments Before Commitment. Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, an institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete's ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the

institution's team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete committing to or signing with that institution. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.10.1.1.1 Evaluations for Media, Recruiting Services. Athletics department staff members shall not evaluate or rate a prospective student-athlete for news media, scouting services or recruiting services. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.10.1.1.2 Involvement in Media Activities. A member institution shall not permit a prospective student-athlete to appear, be interviewed or otherwise be involved (in person or via audio or video) on: *(Revised: 8/14/04, 1/18/13 effective 7/31/13, 12/15/21)*

- (a) Media activity (e.g., podcast, radio or television program, social media livestream) conducted by the institution's coach;
- (b) Media activity in which the institution's coach is participating; or
- (c) Media activity for which a member of the institution's athletics staff has been instrumental in arranging program material.

13.10.1.2.1 Announcer for Broadcast of Prospective Student-Athlete's Athletics Contest. An institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may not serve as an announcer or commentator for any athletics contest in which a prospective student-athlete is participating, or appear (in person or by means of audio or video) on a media broadcast of such contest. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/99, 8/5/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 5/1/19, 1/22/20, 12/15/21)*

13.10.1.2.2 Game Broadcast/Telecast. A prospective student-athlete may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution's intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high school, preparatory school or two-year college prospective student-athletes. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.10.1.3 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. It is permissible for a conference to broadcast at any time, and through any medium, a public service announcement that may include prospective student-athletes, provided the following criteria are met (see Bylaw 13.1.10): *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

- (a) A conference office is responsible for development of the public service announcement;
- (b) The scope of the public service announcement is limited exclusively to promoting sportsmanship; and
- (c) The public service announcement is not designed to solicit the enrollment of prospective student-athletes.

13.10.1.4 Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit. An institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. Further, a prospective student-athlete may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution (e.g., running out of the tunnel with team, celebratory walks to or around the stadium/arena, on-field pregame celebrations). **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97, 9/12/03)*

13.10.1.5 Introduction of Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not introduce a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution's sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.10.1.6 Intent to Enroll. An institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's intention to accept its offer of financial assistance. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

13.10.1.7 Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution's permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide) and the photograph may be provided to the prospective student-athlete. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 11/17/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.10.1.8 Exception – Telephone Call or Electronic Correspondence With Multiple Prospective Student-Athletes Before Commitment. An institution may conduct a telephone call (per Bylaw 13.1.3) with or send electronic correspondence (per Bylaw 13.4.1) to multiple prospective student-athletes who have not signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or from whom the institution has not received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/15/21, Revised: 11/17/21)*

13.10.1.9 Exception – Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish, etc.) on social media platforms that indicate

approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.4.) (*Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16*)

13.10.1.10 Exception -- Enrolled Student-Athletes. An enrolled student-athlete may publicly comment on social media about a prospective student-athlete, provided such comments are not made at the direction of an institutional staff member. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

13.10.2 Publicity After Commitment. There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. In basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this provision does not apply to a prospective student-athlete who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. In sports other than basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this provision does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. **[D]** (*Revised: 1/14/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/25/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18, 11/17/21*)

13.11 Tryouts.

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3. **[D]** (*Revised: 8/5/04, 1/17/09*)

13.11.1.1 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes -- Sports Other Than Men's Basketball, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than men's basketball, softball and women's volleyball, for purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/17/09, 4/25/18, 10/27/21 effective 1/1/22*)

13.11.1.2 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes -- Men's Basketball, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In men's basketball, softball and women's volleyball, for purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described. (*Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 4/25/18, 10/27/21 effective 1/1/22*)

13.11.1.3 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, an institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity team may not participate in a contest against an outside team (e.g., nonscholastic team) that includes high school prospective student-athletes except for permissible contests while on a foreign tour, exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States and the U.S. national team. In individual sports, it is permissible for an institution's varsity team and an outside team that includes prospective student-athletes to participate in the same open event, provided the event either involves no team scoring or the event uses team scoring such that the institution's varsity team and the outside team are in separate scoring categories. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition. **[D]** (*Revised: 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 2/26/07, 9/18/07, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 a contract signed before 8/14/09 may be honored*)

13.11.1.4 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution's varsity and subvarsity intercollegiate teams shall not compete against any team that includes prospective student-athletes. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 a contract signed by 8/14/09 may be honored*)

13.11.1.4.1 Exception -- National Service Academy Subvarsity Team. [FBS] A national service academy's subvarsity team may compete against a two-year college team, a high school team or a preparatory school team, provided no payment or other inducement (e.g., guarantee) is provided to such a team and no recruiting activities occur with members of such a team in conjunction with the competition. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

13.11.1.5 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution's varsity intercollegiate team shall not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team and its subvarsity team may compete against a two-year college team, a high school team or a preparatory school team, provided no payment or other inducement (e.g., guarantee) is provided to such a team and no recruiting activities occur with members

of such a team in conjunction with such competition. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10 a contract signed before 8/14/09 may be honored)*

13.11.1.6 Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College. In basketball, football, women's gymnastics and volleyball, member institutions shall not permit competition between or among high schools, preparatory schools or two-year colleges to be conducted in conjunction with an intercollegiate athletics event (see Bylaw 13.15.1.5). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 8/5/04, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

13.11.1.6.1 Criteria. An intercollegiate contest may be scheduled on the same day as a high school, preparatory school or two-year college contest (without being considered to be scheduled "in conjunction" with that event) only if the college and high school, preparatory school or two-year college events are conducted in separate sessions, separate tickets are sold for the events, and the playing facility is cleared between the contests. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95)*

13.11.1.7 Nonscholastic-Based Basketball. In basketball, a member of an institution's coaching staff or an institutional staff member with basketball-specific duties (e.g., director of basketball operations, manager, administrative personnel) may only participate in coaching activities involving a nonscholastic-based basketball team that includes the staff member's child or children and that is of the opposite gender than the institution's team with which the staff member is associated. A coaching staff member or an institutional staff member with basketball-specific duties may not participate on teams that include individuals with eligibility remaining or that include individuals of prospective student-athlete age or younger, regardless of the gender of the participants. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06)*

13.11.1.7.1 Planning or Operation of Nonscholastic Events -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not be involved in any way in the planning or operation of a men's/boys' basketball nonscholastic event on an institution's campus. *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

13.11.1.8 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Men's Basketball. An institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.2) participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 a contract signed before 10/29/09 may be honored)*

13.11.1.8.1 Exception -- State Multisport Events. An institution may host basketball-related events that are part of officially recognized state multisport events. *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

13.11.1.8.2 Exception -- Other Events. An institution may host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic event that involves men's basketball prospective student-athletes, provided it meets one of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

- (a) The event is open (see Bylaw 13.11.3.1) and all participating men's basketball prospective student-athletes reside within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus;
- (b) The event is part of a program that is consistent with the mission of the institution (e.g., state wellness and educational programs) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2; or
- (c) The event is an ancillary event that is part of a nonathletics program (e.g., Boy Scouts) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2.

13.11.1.9 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Women's Basketball. An institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic basketball practice or competition in which women's basketball prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.1) participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 6/28/11 may be honored)*

13.11.1.9.1 Exception -- State Multisport Events. An institution may host basketball-related events that are part of officially recognized state multisport events. *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

13.11.1.9.2 Exception -- Other Events. An institution may host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic event that involves women's basketball prospective student-athletes, provided it meets one of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

- (a) The event is open (see Bylaw 13.11.3.1) and all participating women's basketball prospective student-athletes reside within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus;
- (b) The event is part of a program that is consistent with the mission of the institution (e.g., state wellness and educational programs) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2; or
- (c) The event is an ancillary event that is part of a nonathletics program (e.g., Girl Scouts) and is conducted in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.3.2.

13.11.1.10 Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] shall not host, sponsor or conduct a nonscholastic football practice or competition (e.g., seven-on-seven events) in which football prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 8/15/11 may be honored)*

13.11.1.11 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.2) shall be limited to June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3) and shall not occur during a dead period. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 a contract signed before 10/29/09 may be honored, Revised: 2/24/12)*

13.11.1.12 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.1) shall be limited to June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3) and shall not occur during a dead period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 6/28/11 may be honored, Revised: 2/13/12, 2/24/12)*

13.11.1.13 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, the use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps or clinics that include prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.11.1.1) shall be limited to June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July, and shall not occur during a dead period. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12 a contract signed before 8/15/11 may be honored, Revised: 2/24/12, 4/26/17)*

13.11.1.14 Tryout Events. A member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine (e.g., combination of athletics skill tests or activities) devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes at any location. An institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct any portion (e.g., instructional clinic) of an event that also includes agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes that are conducted at a separate location. In sports other than bowl subdivision football, a member institution's staff members may only attend (subject to sport-specific restrictions) such an event sponsored by an outside organization if the event occurs off the institution's campus and is open to all institutions (see Bylaw 13.1.7.4.5). **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 9/18/07)*

13.11.1.14.1 Exception -- National Team Tryout Events. In sports other than basketball and bowl subdivision football, it is permissible for an institution to host national team tryout events conducted by the applicable national governing body (see Bylaws 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9 and 13.11.1.10). *(Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 3/13/12)*

13.11.1.15 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Men's Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.11.1 occurs in which a men's basketball staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests is involved in any way in the operation or planning of a boys'/men's basketball nonscholastic event on its campus, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 8/12/10)*

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

13.11.2.1 On-Campus Evaluations -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution may conduct an evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition, under the following conditions: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/8/16, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) For a high school or preparatory school senior, the evaluation may be conducted only after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season and after exhausting high school or preparatory school eligibility in basketball;
- (b) For a two-year college prospective student-athlete, the evaluation may be conducted only after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season and after exhausting two-year college eligibility in basketball;
- (c) For a four-year college prospective student-athlete, the evaluation may be conducted only after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.3);
- (d) The on-campus evaluation may be conducted only during the prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit;
- (e) The on-campus evaluation shall be conducted not later than the opening day of classes of the institution's fall term;

- (f) Not more than one on-campus evaluation per prospective student-athlete per institution shall be permitted (applied separately to the time period in which a prospective student-athlete completes high school or preparatory school eligibility and to the time period after the prospective student-athlete enrolls full time in a collegiate institution);
- (g) Before participating in an on-campus evaluation, a prospective student-athlete is required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). A nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician. The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution. The examination or evaluation must be administered either within six months before participation in the on-campus evaluation or within six months before the prospective student-athlete's initial participation in practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities during the immediately completed season. In addition, the medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution's regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the on-campus evaluation;
- (h) The institution's basketball student-athletes may participate in an on-campus evaluation, provided such participation is counted toward the applicable hourly and weekly limitations on countable athletically related activities (e.g., four hours per day and 20 hours per week during the playing season, four hours of skill instruction and eight hours per week outside the playing season). [See Bylaws 17.1.7.2-(a) and 17.1.7.2.2];
- (i) The duration of the on-campus evaluation activities (other than the medical examination or evaluation) shall be limited to two hours; and
- (j) The institution may provide equipment and clothing to a prospective student-athlete on an issuance-and-retrieval basis.

13.11.2.1.1 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institution may conduct an evaluation of a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete during an official visit during the prospective student-athlete's academic year. (*Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22*)

13.11.2.2 Preseason Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who is not enrolled, but who has been accepted for admission to the institution in a regular full-time program of studies, shall be permitted to engage in preseason practice and competition in fall sports or practice occurring in midyear between terms on the academic calendar, provided such practice is not used to determine whether aid is to be awarded. **[D]**

13.11.2.3 Recreational Activities. A prospective student-athlete visiting an institution may participate in physical workouts or other recreational activities during a visit to an institution's campus, provided such activities: **[D]** (*Revised: 1/11/94, 5/1/19*)

- (a) Are not observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff;
- (b) Are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospective student-athlete; and
- (c) A student-athlete or prospective student-athlete may not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member any information related to the activity. In addition, no athletics department staff member who observes the activity (e.g., trainer, manager) may report back to the institution's coach any information related to the activity.

13.11.2.3.1 Exception -- After National Letter of Intent Signing. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or a four-year college-transfer prospective student-athlete who has signed a written offer of financial aid and/or admission) may participate in voluntary weightlifting or conditioning activities (e.g., conditioning on the track) on the institution's campus in the presence of the institution's strength and conditioning coach, provided such activities are not prearranged, the strength and conditioning coach is performing normal duties and responsibilities in the supervision of the weight room or facility in use (e.g., track) and the strength and conditioning coach does not work directly with the prospective student-athlete. **[D]** (*Adopted: 8/26/10*)

13.11.2.4 Local Sports Clubs. In sports other than basketball and football, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). In all sports, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in a sport other than the coach's sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). Further, in clubs or organizations involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 50-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution's coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach to assign a prospective student-athlete who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach

also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of a prospective student-athlete age, regardless of where such individuals reside. (In women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball, see Bylaws 13.1.7.9 and 13.1.7.10, respectively, for regulations relating to a coach's involvement with a local sports club and the permissible number of evaluation days.) **[D]** (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 9/6/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/11/05, 7/31/15, 5/1/19)

13.11.2.4.1 Exception. The 50-mile radius restriction shall not apply to a prospective student-athlete who resides outside a 50-mile radius of the institution, provided the institution documents that the local sports club is the closest opportunity for the prospective student-athlete to participate in the sport. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

13.11.2.4.2 Legal Resident. A prospective student-athlete who relocates to an area within a 50-mile radius of the institution on a temporary basis (e.g., to participate on a club team or attend an institution while maintaining a permanent residence outside the 50-mile radius) is not a legal resident of the area regardless of whether the prospective student-athlete meets legal standards of state or local residency for governmental purposes. (Adopted: 9/18/07)

13.11.2.4.3 Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Club. Neither an institution's athletics department nor an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team. **[D]** (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94)

13.11.2.4.3.1 Exception – Permissible Recruiting Expenses. An institution may provide expenses to a coach related to permissible recruiting activities on behalf of the institution that occur while the coach is also acting in a permissible capacity for a local sports club. (Adopted: 5/1/19)

13.11.2.4.4 Women's Volleyball – Additional Restrictions. In women's volleyball, during a dead or quiet period, institutional coaching staff members may not coach a local sports club team at an off-campus competition where prospective student-athletes are present. However, it is permissible for an institution's coach to coach the coach's own local sports club team in practice activities. **[D]** (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)

13.11.2.4.5 Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities – Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) shall not be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) with a football club or organization that includes prospective student-athletes. (Adopted: 5/1/19 a contract signed before 6/13/18 may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)

13.11.2.5 Sports Camps and Clinics. An institution's coach may be employed in sports camps, coaching schools and clinics per Bylaw 13.12 without violating the tryout rule.

13.11.2.6 Medical Examinations.

13.11.2.6.1 Medical Screening Examination. During a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit to campus, an institution may conduct a medical screening examination to determine the prospective student-athlete's medical qualifications to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided: (Revised: 10/30/03 effective 8/1/04, 5/1/19)

- (a) The examination is conducted by the institution's regular team or designated physician, or other institutional medical staff member (e.g., athletic trainer);
- (b) No other nonmedical athletics department staff members are present;
- (c) The examination does not include any test or procedure designed to measure the athletics agility or skill of the prospective student-athlete; and
- (d) The results of the examination are not used by the institution to deny admission of the prospective student-athlete who is otherwise qualified for admission under the institution's regular admission criteria.

13.11.2.6.1.1 Exception – National Service Academies. National service academies are not subject to the restrictions on medical examinations during a prospective student-athlete's visit to campus set forth in Bylaw 13.11.2.6.1.

13.11.2.6.1.2 Exception -- On-Campus Evaluation -- Basketball. In basketball, additional athletics department staff members (e.g., coaches) may be present during a medical examination that is conducted as part of an on-campus evaluation (see Bylaw 13.11.2.1) and the medical evaluation may include tests or procedures designed to measure the athletics agility or skill of the prospective student-athlete. (Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13)

13.11.2.6.2 After Signing or Acceptance for Enrollment. It shall be permissible to administer medical examinations at any time to prospective student-athletes who either have signed the National Letter of Intent with the involved institution or have been accepted for enrollment in a regular full-time program of studies at that institution,

provided the examinations occur during an official paid visit or a visit to the institution at the prospective student-athlete's own expense for any purpose. Such an examination may take place before or after, but not during, a prospective student-athlete's visit to the campus to attend a general orientation session pursuant to Bylaw 13.15.2.3. **[D]** (Revised: 1/14/97, 6/10/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

13.11.3.1 Open Events. Participation by a prospective student-athlete in open events conducted by or held on an institution's campus shall not be considered tryouts. Competition shall be considered open if the competitive event itself is not classified by age group or level of educational institution represented, and the selection of participants is not limited except by number, by geographical area or on the basis of some objective standard of performance (see Bylaws 13.11.1.8 and 13.11.1.9). **[D]**

13.11.3.2 Activities Not Involving Institution's Staff. The use of a member institution's facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes shall not be considered a tryout, provided the institution's athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the activity (other than activities incidental to supervising the use of the facilities) and are subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation. This exception does not apply to activities and events that are prohibited per Bylaws 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9, 13.11.1.10 and 13.11.1.14. **[D]** (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 8/12/10, 5/22/13)

13.11.3.3 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs. Participation by an institution's athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body shall not be considered tryouts, provided the athletics department staff member is selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution. A member institution's coaching staff member may not participate only in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.3.3.1, 13.11.3.3.2 and 13.11.3.3.3. **[D]** (Revised: 1/9/96, 11/10/97, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)

13.11.3.3.1 U.S. Junior National Teams – Basketball. A coaching staff member who is a member of an official committee of USA Basketball may be involved in noncoaching activities (e.g., participant selection, on-site evaluation) involving prospective basketball student-athletes participating on U.S. Junior National teams. **[D]** (Adopted: 4/26/01)

13.11.3.3.2 Coach/Prospective Student-Athlete Competition. It is permissible for an institution's coach to participate with or against prospective student-athletes in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization and both the coach and the prospective student-athlete are eligible to enter the competition. **[D]**

13.11.3.3.3 Administration of State Games. A member institution serving as the site of state games is permitted to involve its staff members in the administration of the event but may not be involved in the selection or assignment of participants and coaches participating in the event. **[D]** (Adopted: 1/10/91)

13.11.3.4 High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Contests. High school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches, conducted by an institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the institution's campus, shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met [see Bylaw 13.2.3-(c) for restrictions related to the provision of awards at such contests]: **[D]** (Revised: 1/15/11)

(a) Team Sports.

- (1) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific educational institutions and all educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);
- (2) Each participant represents an educational institution in the event (no nonscholastic team representation); and
- (3) No financial compensation (e.g., transportation, expenses, guarantee, percentage of income) from the event may be provided to the educational institutions;

(b) Individual Sports.

- (1) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific prospective student-athletes or educational institutions and all individual prospective student-athletes or educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);
- (2) A participant may compete as an individual or may represent an educational institution or a nonscholastic team; and

- (3) No financial compensation (e.g., transportation expenses, guarantee, percentage of income) from the event may be provided to an individual, educational institution or nonscholastic team.

13.11.3.5 Officiating. An institution's coach may officiate competition that involves prospective student-athletes, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization. **[D]**

13.11.3.6 Private Lessons -- Women's Golf and Equestrian Exception. An institution's women's golf and equestrian coaches may teach private lessons to a prospective student-athlete in their respective sports, provided the following conditions are met: **[D]** (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/25/18, 1/23/19*)

- (a) The prospective student-athlete resides within a 50-mile radius of the institution's main campus;
- (b) The coach makes lessons available to the general public;
- (c) In women's golf, lessons are only provided to female prospective student-athletes and the coach is a teaching professional certified pursuant to the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and/or Professional Golf Association (PGA) certification program;
- (d) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals; and
- (e) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members.

13.11.3.7 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Football. [FBS/FCS]

13.11.3.7.1 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in football and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 5/31/06, 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 10/26/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/28/16, 4/26/17*)

13.11.3.7.2 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach or a countable coach who is a certified strength and conditioning coach, and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 5/31/06, 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 5/4/09, 10/26/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/28/16, 4/26/17*)

13.11.3.7.3 Mandatory Medical Examination. [FBS/FCS] Prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning workouts, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning activity. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22*)

13.11.3.7.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. [FBS/FCS] A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) must be present during all voluntary conditioning activities (running, not lifting) conducted by the institution's strength coach. The sports medicine staff member must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as the staff member deems appropriate. **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03*)

13.11.3.8 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach in any sport and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/20/04, 1/14/08, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/21/13, 4/28/16, 4/26/17*)

13.11.3.8.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight-training or conditioning activity. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.11.3.8.2 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as the staff member deems appropriate. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 5/1/11)*

13.11.3.9 Required Summer Athletic Activities -- Basketball.

13.11.3.9.1 National Service Academies -- Incoming Freshmen. In basketball, a national service academy may designate eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks) of the summer during which incoming freshmen student-athletes who are enrolled in required summer on-campus military training may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction. Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16, 4/25/18)*

13.11.3.9.2 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer during which a prospective student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.1), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.11.3.9.3 Mandatory Medical Examination. Before participating in any required summer athletic activities, a prospective student-athlete shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution. The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months before participation in any athletic activity. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

13.11.3.10 Required Summer Athletic Activities -- Football. [FBS/FCS]

13.11.3.10.1 National Service Academies -- Incoming Freshmen -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, a national service academy may designate eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks) of the summer during which incoming freshmen student-athletes who are enrolled in required summer on-campus military training may engage in required weight-training, conditioning, review of practice and game film and noncontact skill-related instruction. Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review and not more than two hours per week spent on noncontact skill-related instruction. During noncontact skill-related instruction, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) or use any equipment related to the sport other than footballs. **[D]** *(Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 4/28/16, 4/13/22)*

13.11.3.10.2 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer during which a prospective student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

13.11.3.10.3 Mandatory Medical Examination. [FBS/FCS] Before participating in any required summer athletic activities, a prospective student-athlete shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution. The

examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months before participation in any athletic activity. **[D]** (Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1.1 Definition. An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate. (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)

13.12.1.1.1 Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete – Men's Basketball, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In men's basketball, softball and women's volleyball, for purposes of Bylaw 13.12, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade. (Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 4/25/18, 10/27/21 effective 1/1/22)

13.12.1.1.2 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete – Basketball. In basketball, for purposes of applying Bylaw 13.12, a recruited prospective student-athlete is a prospective student-athlete who has been recruited pursuant to the definition of recruiting in Bylaw 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. In addition, a basketball prospective student-athlete is considered a recruited prospective student-athlete if any of the following conditions have occurred: (Adopted: 10/29/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)

- (a) The prospective student-athlete's attendance at any institutional camp or clinic has been solicited by the institution (or a representative of the institution's athletics interests);
- (b) The institution has provided any recruiting materials to the prospective student-athlete;
- (c) An institutional coaching staff member has had any recruiting contact [including in-person or electronic contact (e.g., telephone calls, video conference, electronic correspondence)] with the prospective student-athlete (including contact initiated by the prospective student-athlete);
- (d) The prospective student-athlete has received an oral offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or
- (e) The prospective student-athlete has orally committed to attend the institution.

13.12.1.1.3 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete – Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, for purposes of applying Bylaw 13.12, a recruited prospective student-athlete is a prospective student-athlete who has been recruited pursuant to the definition of recruiting in Bylaw 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. In addition, a football prospective student-athlete is considered a recruited prospective student-athlete if any of the following conditions have occurred: (Adopted: 4/26/17)

- (a) The prospective student-athlete's attendance at any institutional camp or clinic has been solicited by the institution (or a representative of the institution's athletics interests);
- (b) The institution has provided any recruiting materials to the prospective student-athlete;
- (c) An institutional coaching staff member has had any recruiting contact [including in-person or electronic contact (e.g., telephone calls, video conference, electronic correspondence)] with the prospective student-athlete (including contact initiated by the prospective student-athlete);
- (d) The prospective student-athlete has received an oral offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or
- (e) The prospective student-athlete has orally committed to attend the institution.

13.12.1.1.4 Purposes of Camps or Clinics. An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be one that: (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 5/9/06)

- (a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction or practice and may include competition;
- (b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or
- (c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

13.12.1.1.5 Football. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. In championship subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May

28-June 3)] and July. **[D]** (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/8/07, 1/16/10, 4/29/10, 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, 1/23/19*)

13.12.1.1.6 Basketball. An institution's basketball camp or clinic shall be conducted only during June, July and August, or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). Additionally, in men's basketball, an institution's camp or clinic may not be conducted during the dates when the NCAA College Basketball Academy occurs. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 1/14/21 a contract signed before October 29, 2020 may be honored*)

13.12.1.1.7 Women's Volleyball. An institution's women's volleyball camp or clinic shall be conducted only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. **[D]** (*Adopted: 10/27/21 effective 1/1/22 a contract signed before 6/23/21 may be honored and a camp or clinic publicized before 6/23/21 may be conducted outside of the specified period*)

13.12.1.2 Location Restriction.

13.12.1.2.1 Baseball. In baseball, during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at the institution's camps or clinics that occur on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.3.2.) (*Adopted: 5/4/20*)

13.12.1.2.2 Basketball. In basketball, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus. (*Adopted: 4/29/10*)

13.12.1.2.3 Football. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. In championship subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted within the state where the institution is located. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, Revised: 4/25/18*)

13.12.1.2.4 Softball. In softball, during periods when it is not permissible to evaluate at nonscholastic practice or competition activities, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at institutional (the individual's institution or another institution's) camps or clinics that occur on any institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.3.6.) (*Adopted: 5/4/20*)

13.12.1.3 Attendance Restriction. A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). (See Bylaw 13.4.3.2.2.) (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 12/12/06, 9/24/09*)

13.12.1.4 Additional Restrictions -- Basketball. In men's basketball, all institutional men's/boys' camps and clinics shall offer the same participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos). In women's basketball, all institutional women's/girls' camps and clinics shall offer the same participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos). (*Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. Generally, the interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.2). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period or a recruiting shutdown. (*Revised: 4/3/02, 4/26/12, 4/25/18*)

13.12.1.5.1 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Men's Ice Hockey, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, men's ice hockey, lacrosse and softball, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. (*Adopted: 6/9/17 effective 6/12/17, Revised: 4/25/18, 5/1/19*)

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a

participating individual before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. *(Revised: 5/1/19)*

13.12.1.5.3 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, recruiting conversations between the certifying institution's coach and a participating prospective student-athlete during the institution's camps or clinics are permissible. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.1.5.4 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institutional coaching staff member who is permissibly employed at a camp or clinic (see Bylaws 13.12.2.3.4 and 13.12.2.3.5) may engage in recruiting conversations with a prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.12.1.5.5 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual before January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.12.1.5.6 Exception -- Recruiting Activities -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institutional coaching staff member may engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tour, meeting with academic advisor) with prospective student-athletes during an institutional camp or clinic. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.12.1.5.7 Campus Tours During Institutional Camps or Clinics -- Sports Other Than Women's Basketball. In sports other than women's basketball, an institution's coach may arrange and conduct a campus tour during the institution's camp or clinic, provided the format of the tour has been approved by an institutional authority outside the athletics department (e.g., admissions office). *(Adopted: 7/23/15, Revised: 4/26/17)*

13.12.1.6 Advertisements. An institutional camp or clinic advertisement or promotion (e.g., camp brochure, website, newspaper or magazine advertisement) must indicate that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). An institution must publicly advertise (e.g., camp brochure, website, newspaper or magazine advertisement) an institutional camp or clinic at least 14 calendar days before the first date of a camp or clinic. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 10/27/21 effective 1/1/22, 11/17/21)*

13.12.1.6.1 Advertisements Directed Toward a Particular Audience. An institution may advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic toward a particular audience (e.g., elite camp), provided the advertisement or promotion indicates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). **[D]** *(Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 11/17/21)*

13.12.1.7 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes/No Free or Reduced Admission Privileges.

13.12.1.7.1 General Rule. An institution, members of its staff or representatives of its athletics interests shall not employ or give free or reduced admission privileges to a prospective student-athlete who is an athletics award winner or any individual being recruited by the institution per Bylaw 13.02.14.1. An institution may offer discounted admission to its camps and clinics based on objective criteria unrelated to athletics abilities (e.g., registration prior to a specific date, online registration, attendance at multiple sessions, group discounts), provided such discounts are published and available on an equal basis to all who qualify. **[R]** *(Revised: 3/10/04, 4/20/09, 9/24/09)*

13.12.1.7.1.1 Exception -- Employment After Commitment. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete in a camp or clinic, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. Compensation may be paid only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for similar services. Such compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following obtained because of athletics ability. A prospective student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for an appearance at the camp/clinic. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.12.1.7.2 Payment of Expenses. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may not pay a prospective student-athlete's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic. **[R]**

13.12.1.7.3 Concession Arrangement.

13.12.1.7.3.1 Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not permit or arrange for a prospective student-athlete, at the prospective student-athlete's own expense, to operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with the institution's camp. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.1.7.3.2 Enrolled Student-Athlete. A student-athlete, at the student-athlete's own expense, may not operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with an institution's camp to campers or others in attendance because such an arrangement would be considered an extra benefit. However, the institution may employ the student-athlete at a reasonable rate to perform such services for the camp. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.1.7.4 Awards. Prospective student-athletes may receive awards from a member institution's sports camp or clinic with the understanding that the cost of such awards is included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

13.12.2.1 Student-Athletes. A student-athlete may be employed in any sports camp or clinic, provided compensation is provided pursuant to the criteria of Bylaw 12.4.1. A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for an appearance at the camp/clinic. *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

13.12.2.1.1 Self-Employment. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct a camp or clinic. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.12.2.2 High School, Preparatory School, Two-Year College Coaches or Other Individuals Involved With Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved at its camp or clinic, provided: **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/25/08, 8/12/10)*

- (a) The individual receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of like teaching ability and camp experience; and
- (b) The individual is not paid on the basis of the value the individual may have for the employer because of the individual's reputation or contact with prospective student-athletes.

13.12.2.2.1 Prohibited Compensation. An institution may not compensate or reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved based on the number of campers the individual sends to the camp. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/20/11)*

13.12.2.2.2 Employment as a Speaker in an Institutional Camp or Clinic -- Basketball. An institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) a speaker in any basketball camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects) who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball. Such an individual may be employed as a camp counselor (except as prohibited in Bylaw 13.12.2.2.4), but may not perform speaking duties other than those normally associated with camp counselor duties (e.g., skill instruction). *(Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 8/26/10)*

13.12.2.2.3 Employment as a Speaker in an Institutional Camp or Clinic -- Football. [FBS/FCS] An institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) a speaker in any football camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects) who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in football. Such an individual may be employed as a camp counselor (except as prohibited in Bylaw 13.12.2.2.5), but may not perform speaking duties other than those normally associated with camp counselor duties (e.g., skill instruction). *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.12.2.2.4 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.19 and 13.12.1.1.2) at the institution's camp or clinic, unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaws 13.2.1.4 and 13.12.3.) *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 4/26/17, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored)*

13.12.2.2.5 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.20 and 13.12.1.1.3) at the institution's camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects), unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time

enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaws 13.2.1.5 and 13.12.4.) *(Adopted: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.2.2.5.1 Exception – Coach of Four-Year, NCAA Member Institution – Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year, NCAA member institution at the institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.12.2.3.1 Camp/Clinic Providing Recruiting or Scouting Service. No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes. In addition, an athletics department staff member may not be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a coaches clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes, even if prospective student athletes are not involved in the coaches clinic. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 8/5/04, 7/24/14)*

13.12.2.3.1.1 Exception – NCAA College Basketball Academy. The NCAA may use a recruiting or scouting service in conjunction with the NCAA College Basketball Academy. Such use does not prohibit the employment of athletics department staff at the event. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

13.12.2.3.2 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – Baseball. In baseball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic). However, during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) only at the institution's camps or clinics that occur on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 4/14/17)*

13.12.2.3.3 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – Basketball. In basketball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball may be employed only at the institution's camps or clinics. Participation in such camps or clinics is limited to the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). It is not permissible for a basketball coach or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional privately owned camps or clinics. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/28/05 for men's basketball, effective 8/1/05 for women's basketball, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

13.12.2.3.3.1 Exception – NCAA College Basketball Academy. A noncoaching staff member with basketball specific responsibilities from the host institution and conference office personnel with basketball specific responsibilities may be employed in administrative roles (camp registration, camp logistics, facility usage) associated with hosting the NCAA College Basketball Academy. *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

13.12.2.3.4 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution's coach (including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1) may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by the institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by the institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, 1/23/19, 12/15/21 effective 8/1/22)*

13.12.2.3.5 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution's coach (including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1) or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by the institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only in June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. *(Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 4/26/17 a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored, 4/25/18, 5/1/19, 12/15/21 effective 8/1/22)*

13.12.2.3.6 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Softball. In softball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic). Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to periods when evaluation at nonscholastic practice or competition activities is permissible. During periods when it is not permissible to evaluate at nonscholastic practice or competition activities, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at institutional (the individual's institution or another institution's) camps or clinics that occur on any institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.12.2.3.7 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) by the institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics or may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic). Employment in an institutional or noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic may occur only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 5/4/20, 10/27/21 effective 1/1/22 a contract signed before 6/23/21 may be honored)*

13.12.2.3.8 Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, softball and women's volleyball, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/15/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/26/06, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.12.2.3.9 Noncoaching Athletics Staff Members. A noncoaching athletics staff member who does not have sport-specific responsibilities may present an educational session at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp/clinic that is not operated under the restrictions applicable to institutional camps/clinics, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/5/04, 4/26/17)*

13.12.2.3.10 Noninstitutional Fundamental Skills Camp/Clinic. An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity at a noninstitutional camp or clinic conducted under the following conditions: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 8/5/04)*

- (a) The camp or clinic is designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport (rather than refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport);
- (b) The camp or clinic is open to the general public (except for restrictions in age or number of participants);
- (c) The camp or clinic is conducted primarily for educational purposes and does not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes, merchandise, gifts);
- (d) Participants do not receive a recruiting presentation; and

(e) All participants reside in the state in which the camp/clinic is located or within 100 miles of the camp/clinic.

13.12.3 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences of Violation – Basketball. In basketball, if a violation specified below occurs, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 8/12/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) A violation of Bylaw 13.12.2.2.4 in which an institution or a basketball staff member employs (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic.
- (b) A violation of Bylaw 13.12 in which an institutional boys' basketball camp offers a participation registration, procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos) that differs from other institutional boys' basketball camps.
- (c) A violation of Bylaw 13.12 in which an institutional women's/girls' basketball camp or clinic offers a participation registration, procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos) that differs from other institutional women's/girls' basketball camps or clinics.

13.12.4 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences of Violation – Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, if a violation of Bylaw 13.12.2.2.5 occurs, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.13 High School All-Star Games.

13.13.1 Coach Involvement. An institution shall not permit any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of prospective student-athletes to participate (directly or indirectly) in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or participant selection of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic participants or those who, during the previous school year, were members of high school athletics teams. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04)*

13.13.1.1 Previous Contractual Agreement. If a coach has made a contractual commitment to coach in a high school all-star game prior to being employed by a member institution and then becomes a member of the institution's staff before the game is held, the coach shall be obligated to observe this provision and disassociate from the all-star game. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

13.13.2 Use of Institutional Facilities. A member institution's facilities shall not be made available for a high school all-star game unless the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.2 are met. **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.13.3 Use of Institutional Equipment. It is not permissible for an institution to provide its athletics equipment to a prospective student-athlete (e.g., for use in a high school all-star game). **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.14 Use of Recruiting Funds.

13.14.1 Institutional Control. All funds for the recruiting of prospective student-athletes shall be deposited with the member institution, which shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for the manner in which such funds are expended.

13.14.1.1 Exception – Expenses From a Local Sports Club or State, Regional, National or International Training Program. An institution's coach may receive expenses from a local sports club or a state, regional, national or international training program related to duties performed while acting in a permissible capacity for the sports club or training program and also in the coach's capacity as a permissible recruiter for the institution. *(Adopted: 5/1/19)*

13.14.2 Visiting a Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution's athletics department staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members at any location for recruiting purposes. However, on any such visit, the staff member may not expend any funds other than the amount necessary for the staff member's own personal expenses. *(Revised: 4/25/18)*

13.14.3 Recruiting or Scouting Services.

13.14.3.1 Basketball and Football. In basketball and football, an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the institution does not purchase more than one annual subscription to a particular service and the service: **[D]** *(Revised: 8/5/04, 1/16/10, 4/13/10, 1/14/12, 7/26/12, 1/15/14)*

- (a) Is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers;

- (b) Publicly identifies all applicable rates;
- (c) Disseminates information (e.g., reports, profiles) about prospective student-athletes at least four times per calendar year;
- (d) Publicly identifies the geographical scope of the service (e.g., local, regional, national) and reflects broad-based coverage of the geographical area in the information it disseminates;
- (e) Provides individual analysis beyond demographic information or rankings for each prospective student-athlete in the information it disseminates;
- (f) Provides access to samples or previews of the information it disseminates before purchase of a subscription;
- (g) Provides information regarding each prospective student-athlete in a standardized format that ensures consistent distribution to all subscribers; and
- (h) Does not provide information in any form (e.g., oral reports, electronic messages) about prospective student-athletes beyond the standardized, consistent information that is provided to all subscribers.

13.14.3.1.1 Video-Only Services. An institution is permitted to use or subscribe to a video service that only provides video of prospective student-athletes and does not provide information about or analysis of prospective student-athletes. Use of a subscription to such a service is subject to the provisions of Bylaw 13.14.3.1, except for subsections (c) and (e). **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/15/11, Revised: 1/14/12*)

13.14.3.2 Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball and football, an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers. The service must also provide information regarding each prospective student-athlete in a standardized format that ensures consistent distribution to all subscribers. An institution is not permitted to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service that provides information in any form (e.g., oral reports, electronic messages) about prospective student-athletes beyond the standardized, consistent information that is provided to all subscribers. An institution is permitted to subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. The institution may not contract with a service in advance to have a particular contest recorded or provided. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 7/26/12, 1/15/14*)

13.14.3.3 Subscription Limited to Approved Services -- Basketball and Football. In basketball and football, an institution shall not subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service unless the service has been approved by the NCAA pursuant to an annual approval process. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 6/1/12*)

13.14.4 Slush Funds. An institution shall not permit any outside organization, agency or group of individuals to use, administer or expend funds for recruiting prospective student-athletes, including the transportation and entertainment of, and the giving of gifts or services to, prospective student-athletes or their family members or friends. (*Revised: 4/25/18*)

13.14.4.1 Pooled Resources. The pooling of resources for recruiting purposes by two or more persons shall constitute such a slush fund. However, this provision shall not apply to persons upon whom a prospect may be naturally or legally dependent.

13.14.4.2 Company Funds. The use of a company's funds to pay the expenses incurred in transporting a prospective student-athlete to the campus constitutes the use of pooled resources.

13.14.5 Alumni Organizations. Bona fide alumni organizations of an institution may sponsor luncheons, teas or dinners at which prospective students (athletes and nonathletes) of that immediate locale are guests. A member institution's area alumni organization may be considered a bona fide part of that institution, provided such an organization is accredited by the president or chancellor of the institution and meets these additional terms and conditions: (*Revised: 3/8/06*)

- (a) A staff member of the institution periodically shall inspect the financial records of the alumni organization and certify that the expenditures comply with the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member; and
- (b) A club official shall be designated by the president or chancellor as the institution's official agent in the administration of the club's funds, and said club official shall file regular reports to the institution relating the manner in which the club funds have been spent in the recruiting of student-athletes.

13.14.5.1 Subject to NCAA Rules. If an alumni organization is certified by the president or chancellor as being a bona fide part of the institution, said organization becomes subject to all of the limitations placed upon the member institution by NCAA legislation. A violation of such legislation by any member of the alumni organization shall be a violation by the member institution. **[D]** (*Revised: 8/5/04, 3/8/06*)

13.15 Precollege Expenses.

13.15.1 Prohibited Expenses. An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period prior to the prospective student-athlete's enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.15.1.1 Extent of Prohibition. The provisions of Bylaw 13.15.1 apply to all prospective student-athletes, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or financial aid.

13.15.1.2 Fundraising for High School Athletics Program. An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements for more than the going rate, to benefit a high school athletics program. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01, 11/17/21)*

13.15.1.2.1 Involvement by Local Representatives of Institution's Athletics Interests. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community in which the athletics representative resides, provided: *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

- (a) The representative acts independently of the institution;
- (b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and
- (c) The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospective student-athlete.

13.15.1.3 College Use of High School Facility. An institution may not contribute to a high school or its athletics booster club any funds realized from an athletics contest played or a practice held at a high school facility, except actual and necessary expenses for rental of the facility.

13.15.1.4 State High School Association Use of Member Institution's Facilities. An institution may permit a state high school association to use its facilities to host state high school championship events at a reduced rate. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

13.15.1.5 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

- (a) It shall involve a sport other than basketball, football, women's gymnastics or volleyball;
- (b) It shall be regularly scheduled and approved by the appropriate state high school authority;
- (c) The member institution shall not provide the high school with any financial compensation, including transportation expenses or a guarantee or percentage of the income realized from the contest; and
- (d) The only expenses the member institution may incur are the operating and maintenance costs associated with its facility's use for the high school contest.

13.15.1.6 Donation of Equipment.

13.15.1.6.1 Athletics Equipment. A member institution may not provide athletics equipment to a high school. However, a member institution is permitted to provide athletics equipment to bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, a summer recreation league) that may consist of some prospective student-athletes, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/26/01, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12)*

13.15.1.6.1.1 Exception -- Women's Rowing. An institution may loan rowing equipment to a high school's or junior club program's women's team on an issuance and retrieval basis and may permit high schools' and junior club programs' women's teams to use its rowing facilities for practice and/or competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

13.15.1.6.1.2 Donation of Used Athletics Equipment to Foundation. An institution may donate used athletics equipment to a nonprofit foundation established to distribute such equipment to high schools, provided the request for such donations is initiated by the foundation and the institutions have no part in selecting the high schools that are to receive the equipment. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

13.15.1.6.1.3 Exception -- Catastrophic Event. An institution may donate equipment and/or apparel to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that has suffered a catastrophic incident, provided the equipment or apparel does not contain the institution's name, logo or other identifiable markings and the institution does not publicize the donation. *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

13.15.1.6.2 Nonathletics Equipment. A member institution may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school, provided there is no athletics department involvement and the equipment is not used to benefit only the high school's athletics program. *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

13.15.1.7 Ticket Sales. It is not permissible for a member institution to compensate a high school, preparatory school or two-year college for selling tickets to the institution's athletics contests. Specifically, the member institution may not provide such forms of compensation as a guarantee, a percentage of the income realized from the sale of the tickets or any other form of commission for providing such services.

13.15.1.8 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference may provide actual and necessary expenses that are directly associated with implementing a conference-sponsored sportsmanship initiative as described in Bylaws 13.1.10, 13.4.3.4 and 13.10.1.3. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.15.1.9 Academic Services. An institution shall not provide academic expenses or services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist a prospective student-athlete in completing initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or in improving the prospective student-athlete's academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/23/08)*

13.15.1.10 Donation to Nonprofit Foundation -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution or a staff member shall not provide a donation to a nonprofit foundation that expends funds for the benefit of a nonscholastic team or teams, prospective student-athletes or individuals associated with prospective student-athletes, regardless of whether the foundation provides funding to or services for prospective student-athletes and individuals who are not prospective student-athletes. *(Adopted: 8/26/10)*

13.15.1.11 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Men's Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.15.1 occurs in which a men's basketball staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests is involved in any way in the operation or planning of a boys'/men's basketball nonscholastic event on its campus, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete. *(Adopted: 8/12/10)*

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

13.15.2.1 Expenses Related to Academic Evaluations and Test Scores. An institution may pay fees or provide expenses in the following situations related to a prospective student-athlete's academic evaluation or test scores: *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 10/20/14)*

- (a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores;
- (b) Expenses (e.g., document fees, express delivery charges) to obtain information or receive documents that are necessary to certify or evaluate the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete (e.g., transcripts, translation of transcripts); or
- (c) Expenses (e.g., transcript fee, express delivery charges) for a prospective student-athlete's institution to send an academic transcript to the Eligibility Center or for an ACT or SAT score to be sent from the testing agency to the Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

13.15.2.2 Institution Providing Items to Athletics Youth Groups for Fundraising. An institution may provide items to assist in the fundraising efforts of athletics youth groups composed of individuals who have not started classes for the ninth grade without causing such individuals to become prospective student-athletes per Bylaw 13.02.12. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

13.15.2.3 Student Orientation Sessions. [A] An institution may pay on-campus expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) for prospective student-athletes to attend institutional orientation sessions conducted for all students. However, an institution may provide on-campus expenses to prospective student-athletes to attend orientation sessions for a particular group of students selected on a basis unrelated to athletics ability only if the institution is providing expenses on a uniform basis to all members of that particular group. An institutional staff member may provide transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete's arrival or departure from the institution to attend the institution's required new-student orientation, provided the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

13.15.2.4 Use of Bands Comprised of Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may hire a band (e.g., marching band, pep band) comprised of prospective student-athlete-aged individuals to perform at its regular-season home

contests and/or postseason home or away-from-home contests, provided the band is paid commensurate with the going rate in that locale for similar services and the organization providing the band is located within 150 miles of the competition site. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02)*

13.15.2.5 Transportation of Equipment -- Women's Rowing. On an occasional basis, an institution may transport a local junior club rowing team's equipment to an out-of-state competition, provided the equipment is transported to the same competition in which the institution is participating and no additional costs are incurred due to the transportation of the equipment. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

13.16 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions and Waivers.

13.16.1 Contacts.

13.16.1.1 July 1 Before Junior Year in High School. Authorized athletics staff members of the U.S. Air Force, Military, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Naval Academies, where congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all prospective cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association's legislation governing telephonic and off-campus recruiting contacts, may make in-person, telephonic and off-campus contacts beginning July 1 before a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Sport-specific recruiting calendar restrictions apply to off-campus contacts, except, in football, authorized staff members may make in-person off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the spring evaluation period of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school, including contact at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. The total number of contacts, including those after the prospective student-athlete's junior year, shall not exceed the number permitted in the applicable sport. *(Revised: 4/24/08, 10/3/18)*

13.16.1.2 After National Letter of Intent Signing Date. There shall be no limit on the number of recruiting contacts with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members made by a national service academy to which the prospective student-athlete has applied for admission after the National Letter of Intent signing date in the sport. *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/25/18)*

13.16.1.3 Freshmen at Summer Enrollment Programs. Freshmen entering the official summer enrollment program of one of the four national service academies (U.S. Air Force, Coast Guard, Military and Naval Academies) shall be considered student-athletes of a senior collegiate institution and may not be contacted by other member institutions without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3). *(Revised: 10/15/19)*

13.16.2 Evaluation Days -- Football. [FBS] In football, each national service academy is limited to 54 evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the fall evaluation period. *(Adopted: 4/14/08)*

13.16.3 Air Force, Military and Naval Academies Exception. A nonprofit, outside organization representing the interests of one of the service academies may collect contributions from alumni and other friends of the academy for the purpose of assisting candidates in obtaining a preparatory education, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10)*

- (a) The organization's arrangements with the preparatory school(s) shall provide that the organization's contributions shall be turned over to the preparatory school for the school's administration without interference or dictation from the organization or the academy;
- (b) The preparatory school shall have sole jurisdiction in determining the recipient of financial assistance and the terms and conditions of the award;
- (c) The organization may recommend candidates to the preparatory school; athletics staff members of the academy may not; and
- (d) Such a foundation shall provide preparatory education assistance for prospective candidates who do not have specialized athletics abilities as well as those who do. The number of candidates with recognized ability assisted each year as the result of the organization's program shall be in equal ratio to the number of student-athletes on the regular intercollegiate squads of the academy compared with the total enrollment of the academy.

13.16.4 Precollege Expenses/Preparatory School Assistance -- Waiver. The Committee for Legislative Relief may approve waivers of Bylaw 13.15, provided such waivers are limited to procedures involving preparation for entrance into one of the U.S. service academies. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

13.17.1 Baseball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to baseball: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 12/5/05, 7/30/10, 5/22/13, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 7/9/18, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The third Monday of August through the second Thursday of September: **Quiet Period**

- (b) The Friday following the second Thursday of September through the second Sunday in October: **Contact Period**
 - (c) The Monday following the second Sunday of October through the month of February [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Quiet Period**
 - (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**
 - (2) The first official day of the national convention of the American Baseball Coaches Association through the day of adjournment of the convention: **Dead Period**
 - (d) March 1 through the Sunday immediately before the third Monday of August [except for (1) through (3) below]: **Contact Period**
 - (1) The last Monday in May through the following Monday: **Dead Period**
 - (2) The third Saturday in June through the following Monday: **Dead Period**
 - (3) July 3-5: **Dead Period**
- 13.17.2 Men's Basketball.** The following periods of recruiting shall apply to men's basketball: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/26/01, 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, 8/8/02, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 12/5/05, 1/8/07, 11/1/07, 1/14/08, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 7/22/13, 10/30/13, 8/8/18 effective 4/1/19, 10/18/19, 1/22/20, 7/7/20)*
- (a) September 9 through the Sunday beginning the week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Recruiting Period**
 - (b) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**
 - (c) The Friday of the week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent through March 31 [except for (1) below and subject to 13.17.2-(e)]: **Recruiting Period**
 - (1) December 24 through December 26: **Dead Period**
 - (d) April 1 through the Wednesday immediately prior to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game [applicable only if April 1 falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday]: **Quiet Period**
 - (e) The Thursday immediately prior to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game to noon on the Thursday immediately after the game: **Dead Period**
 - (f) Noon on the Thursday immediately after the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game through seven days following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below and subject to 13.17.2-(g)-(1)]: **Recruiting Period**
 - (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**
 - (g) The eighth day after the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through July 5 [except for (1) through (5) below]: **Quiet Period**
 - (1) Up to two weekends in April (Friday through Sunday) other than Easter weekend and a weekend during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered: **Evaluation Periods (for certified events only)**
 - (2) The four days immediately following each April evaluation period: **Recruiting Period**
 - (3) The day after the conclusion of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the Friday before the first permissible day to conduct institutional basketball camps [except for (i) below]: **Dead Period**
 - (i) National Basketball Association Draft Combine: **Evaluation Period**
 - (4) Two days of the National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp: **Evaluation Period**
 - (5) The final two Friday (noon) through Sunday (6 p.m.) periods in June: **Evaluation Periods (for approved scholastic events only)**
 - (h) **[See Proposal No. R-2022-1 for July 2022.]** July 6 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) below]: **Dead Period**
 - (1) The first Thursday-Sunday period in July beginning on or after July 6: **Evaluation Period**
 - (2) The final Tuesday-Sunday period in July: **Evaluation Period (for NCAA College Basketball Academy only)**
 - (3) The Monday after the conclusion of the NCAA College Basketball Academy through July 31: **Quiet Period**
 - (i) August 1 through September 8 [except for (1) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) August 6 through August 15: **Dead Period**

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 8/2/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 8/14/96, 10/9/96, 7/22/97, 10/28/99 effective 4/1/00, 11/1/00, 4/25/02, 8/8/02, 10/30/03, 10/28/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 8/4/05, 12/5/05, 7/30/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/30/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 10/4/17 effective 8/1/18, 4/25/18, 1/22/20, 7/13/20, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(a) August 1 through August 31 [except for (1) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) Sunday through Saturday of the week immediately following the second Saturday in August: **Recruiting Shutdown**

(b) September 1-30: **Contact Period for high school or preparatory school senior prospective student athletes; Evaluation Period (scholastic activities only) for all other prospective student-athletes**(c) October 1 through the last day of February [except for (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) December 24 through 26: **Dead Period**

(d) March 1 through Wednesday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game: **Contact Period for high school or preparatory school senior prospective student athletes; Evaluation Period (scholastic activities only) for all other prospective student-athletes**(e) Thursday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through the following Monday: **Dead Period**(f) Tuesday immediately following the Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through July 31 [except for (1) through (9) below]: **Quiet Period**(1) The third weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [except for (i) and (ii) below]: **Evaluation Period (evaluations at certified nonscholastic events only)**

(i) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered or during the Easter weekend.

(ii) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered or if Easter or the April scholastic evaluation period occurs during the third weekend in April, the April nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.

(2) Monday immediately after the first Sunday in May through the second Sunday in May: **Recruiting Shutdown**(3) The third weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of May: **Evaluation Period (including evaluations at certified nonscholastic events)**(4) Tuesday and Wednesday immediately prior to Father's Day: **Dead Period**(5) Thursday, Friday and Saturday immediately prior to Father's Day: **Evaluation Period (scholastic activities only)**(6) Wednesday and Thursday immediately prior to the second weekend (Saturday and Sunday) in July: **Dead Period**(7) Friday through Monday of the second weekend in July: **Evaluation Period**(8) Tuesday after the second weekend (Saturday and Sunday) through Thursday prior to the fourth weekend (Saturday and Sunday) in July: **Dead Period**(9) Friday through Monday of the fourth weekend in July: **Evaluation Period**(g) During the National Junior College Athletic Association championship competition: **Evaluation Period**

(h) The following state-specific evaluation times are permissible:

(1) In those states that play the high school basketball season in the spring, evaluations shall be permissible only April 8-28 and July 8-31.

13.17.4 Women's Beach Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's beach volleyball: *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 7/9/18)*

(a) August 1 through the first Sunday of December [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(b) Monday following the first Sunday of December through the Tuesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship: **Evaluation Period**

(c) Wednesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship through December 31 [except for (1) below]: **Dead Period**

(1) Coaches attending the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) annual awards banquet may have incidental contact with two-year college prospective student-athletes being honored at the banquet. (See Bylaw 13.02.5.5.1.)

(d) January 1 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) January 1 through the Friday prior to Martin Luther King Jr. Day: **Evaluation Period**

(2) May 1 through the Friday prior to Memorial Day [except for (i) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(i) The Wednesday before through the Sunday of the NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship [except for (ii) below]: **Dead Period**

(ii) An institution's authorized coaching staff members (see Bylaw 11.7.6) may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day during the dead period. Such an event shall occur within a 30-mile radius of the site of the championship. Coaches from the same institution who attend such an event shall attend the same event on the same day. Coaches shall not attend events that occur at the same time that any intercollegiate competition in conjunction with the NCAA championship occurs.

13.17.5 Football.

13.17.5.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to bowl subdivision football: *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/12/94, 8/12/95, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 9/6/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 2/24/03, 10/3/03, 1/10/05, 12/5/05, 12/15/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 2/22/08, 4/14/08, 5/27/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/30/13, 4/26/17, 11/16/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19, 5/1/19, 7/7/20)*

(a) June 1 through the last Saturday in November [except for (1) through (3) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) The Monday before the last Wednesday in June through July 24: **Dead Period**

(2) August 1-31 [except for (i) below]: **Dead Period**

(i) Forty-eight hours before a home contest (on the institution's campus or in a facility normally used for its home games) that occurs in August or on September 1 or 2 through 48 hours after the conclusion of the contest: **Quiet Period**

(3) Forty-two (54 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period: **Evaluation Period**

(b) The Sunday following the last Saturday in November through the Saturday prior to the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent except for (1) and (2) below. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week: **Contact Period**

(1) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period (applicable to all prospective student-athletes): **Quiet Period**

(2) Monday of the week that includes the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Thursday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention [applicable to all prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.1)] [except for (i) through (iii) below]: **Dead Period**

(i) The seven days immediately before the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term that are not part of the contact period (applicable only to prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear): **Quiet Period**

(ii) For national service academies, the calendar week (Sunday-Saturday) following the Army vs. Navy game: **Contact Period** (Monday-Thursday of the initial week of the midyear junior college NLI signing period remains a dead period for junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear. If the calendar week following the Army vs. Navy game coincides with the week that includes the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes, Monday-Thursday of that week shall remain a dead period for all high school prospective student-athletes.)

- (iii) For national service academies, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately before the contact period resumes in January: **Quiet Period**
- (c) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: **Quiet Period**
- (d) Monday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through the last day of February: **Dead Period**
- (e) March 1 through April 14: **Quiet Period**
- (f) One hundred sixty-eight evaluation days (216 for U.S. service academies) (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) during April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution [as provided in (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**
 - (1) An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during this evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on the same day during this evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academics evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospective student-athlete on a separate day during this evaluation period.
- (g) Those days in April/May not selected in (f) above for evaluation opportunities: **Quiet Period**

13.17.5.2 Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to championship subdivision football: *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/12/94, 8/12/95, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 9/6/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 2/24/03, 10/3/03, 1/10/05, 12/5/05, 12/15/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 2/22/08, 4/14/08, 5/27/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/30/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 11/16/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19)*

- (a) June 1 through the last Saturday in November [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Quiet Period**
 - (1) August 1-31 [except for (i) below]: **Dead Period**
 - (i) Forty-eight hours before a home contest (on the institution's campus or in a facility normally used for its home games) that occurs in August or on September 1 or 2 through 48 hours after the conclusion of the contest: **Quiet Period**
 - (2) Forty-two evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution ; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period: **Evaluation Period**
- (b) The Sunday following the last Saturday in November through the Saturday prior to the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent except for (1) and (2) below. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week: **Contact Period**
 - (1) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period (applicable to all prospective student-athletes): **Quiet Period**
 - (2) Monday of the week that includes the early signing period of the National Letter of Intent for high school prospective student-athletes and the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Thursday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention [applicable to all prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.1)]: **Dead Period**
 - (i) The seven days immediately before the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term that are not part of the contact period (applicable only to prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear): **Quiet Period**
- (c) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: **Quiet Period**
- (d) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**
- (e) Friday following the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through April 14: **Quiet Period**

(f) One hundred sixty-eight evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) during April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution [as provided in (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**

(1) An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during this evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on the same day during this evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academics evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospective student-athlete on a separate day during this evaluation period.

(g) Those days in April/May not selected in (f) above for evaluation opportunities: **Quiet Period**

13.17.6 Men's Golf. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to men's golf: *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

(a) August 1 through the day before Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(b) Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday immediately after Thanksgiving Day: **Dead Period**

(c) The Monday immediately after Thanksgiving Day through December 22 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Quiet Period**

(1) A coach may evaluate at the two events (showcase and combine) that are traditionally held in conjunction with the Golf Coaches Association of America National Convention: **Evaluation Period**

(2) The first official day of the Golf Coaches Association of America Convention to 12:01 a.m. on the day after the adjournment of the convention: **Dead Period**

(d) December 23 through January 1: **Dead Period**

(e) January 2 through July 31: **Contact Period**

13.17.7 Men's Lacrosse. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to men's lacrosse: *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 12/5/05, 1/14/08, 7/30/10, 4/28/16, 7/9/18)*

(a) The day after the first Sunday in January through Martin Luther King Jr. Day: **Contact Period/No Lacrosse Evaluations**

(b) The day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day through the last day of February: **Quiet Period**

(c) March 1 through the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship: **Contact Period**

(d) The Friday before the Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship to noon on the Tuesday after the championship: **Dead Period**

(e) Noon on the Tuesday after the Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship through the first Monday in August [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) July 2-6: **Dead Period**

(f) The day after the first Monday in August through the second Monday in August: **Quiet Period**

(g) The day after the second Monday in August through August 31: **Dead Period**

(h) September 1 through October 31: **Contact Period/No Lacrosse Evaluations**

(i) November 1 through the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) below]: **Contact Period**

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(j) The Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day: **Dead Period**

(k) The Monday after Thanksgiving Day through December 23: **Quiet Period**

(l) December 24 through the first Sunday in January: **Dead Period**

13.17.8 Women's Lacrosse. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's lacrosse: *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 12/5/05, 1/8/07, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 7/30/10, 4/8/16 effective 9/1/16, 7/9/18)*

(a) January 3 through the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)

(b) The Friday before the Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship through Sunday of the championship [except for (1) below]: **Dead Period**

- (1) One event conducted during the weekend of the women's lacrosse championship, provided it is conducted within a 100-mile radius of the site of the championship (coaches may not attend the event two hours before through two hours after the semifinals competition and two hours before through two hours after the final game): **Evaluation Period**
- (c) The Monday after the Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship through the Thursday immediately before the second full weekend in June: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)
- (d) The Friday before the second full weekend in June through July 31 [except for (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**
 - (1) July 3-5: **Dead Period**
- (e) August 1-14: **Dead Period**
- (f) August 15-31: **Quiet Period**
- (g) September 1 through November 30 [except for (1) through (3) below]: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)
 - (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**
 - (2) The three weekends (5 p.m. Friday through Sunday) immediately before Thanksgiving Day: **Evaluation Periods**
 - (3) The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day through the Friday after Thanksgiving Day: **Dead Period**
- (h) December 1-30 [except (1) below]: **Contact Period** (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)
 - (1) December 24-26: **Dead Period**
- (i) December 31 through January 2: **Dead Period**

13.17.9 Softball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to softball: (*Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 4/26/01, 8/8/02, 10/31/02, 10/28/04, 1/10/05, 12/5/05, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/30/09, 7/30/10, 5/22/13, 6/29/16, 7/9/18*)

- (a) August 1 through the 10th Sunday following the completion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship: **Contact Period**
- (b) The 10th Monday following the completion of the Division I Softball Championship through the Sunday immediately prior to Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Evaluation Period**
 - (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**
 - (2) Evaluations at nonscholastic practice or competition activities shall not occur except on Saturdays and Sundays during the six weekends prior to Thanksgiving Day.
- (c) The Monday immediately prior to Thanksgiving Day through January 1 [except for (1) below]: **Quiet Period**
 - (1) The first official day of the national convention of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association through the day of adjournment of the convention: **Dead Period**
- (d) January 2 through the Monday immediately prior to the Division I Softball Championship [except for (1) below]: **Evaluation Period**
 - (1) Evaluations at nonscholastic practice and competition activities are prohibited.
- (e) The Tuesday immediately prior to the start of the Division I Softball Championship through the day of the final championship game: **Dead Period**
- (f) The day after the completion of the Division I Softball Championship through July 31: **Contact Period**
- (g) During high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period: **Evaluation Period**

13.17.10 Cross Country/Track and Field. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to cross country and track and field: (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/2/07, 10/10/07, 7/30/10, 5/22/13, 11/4/14, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 7/9/18*)

- (a) August 1-21 : **Evaluation Period**
- (b) August 22 through the second Sunday in December [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Contact Period**
 - (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**
 - (2) The day of the Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships: **Dead Period**
- (c) The day after the second Sunday in December through January 1: **Dead Period**
- (d) January 2 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Contact Period**

- (1) The first day of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the championships: **Dead Period**
- (2) The first day of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the championships: **Dead Period**

13.17.11 Women's Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's volleyball: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 8/15/02, 10/30/03, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/13/05, 12/5/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/26/07, 10/29/09, 7/30/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/15, 4/26/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 7/9/18, 7/27/21)*

(a) August 1-31 : **Quiet Period**

(b) September 1 through November 30: **Contact Period**

- (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: **Dead Period**

(c) December 1 through January 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: **Quiet Period**

- (1) Coaches attending the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) annual awards banquet may have incidental contact with two-year college prospective student-athletes being honored at the banquet. (See Bylaw 13.02.5.4.1 .)
- (2) Thursday of the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship through the Sunday immediately following the championship. An institution's authorized coaching staff members (see Bylaw 11.7.6) may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day during this period. Such an event shall occur within a 30-mile radius of the site of the championship. Coaches from the same institution who attend such an event shall attend the same event on the same day. Coaches shall not attend events that occur at the same time that any intercollegiate competition in conjunction with the NCAA championship occurs: **Evaluation Period**

(d) February 1 through July 31 [except for (1) through (2) below]: **Contact Period**

- (1) February 1 through the Thursday prior to Presidents Day: **Quiet Period**
- (2) May 1 through the Thursday immediately before the first weekend in June: **Quiet Period**

13.17.12 Contact Period Exception. An institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport and has an official admissions notification date (the date when all applicants are notified whether they are admitted) that occurs after the end of the final contact period of the academic year may extend the final contact period of the academic year through 30 days after the institution's official admissions notification date. The institution remains subject to all dead periods that occur during the extended contact period and may not exceed the maximum number of contacts permitted in the particular sport. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods. *(Revised: 10/27/05, 12/5/05, 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1 Dead Periods.

13.17.13.1.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the fall or spring signing of the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 8/2/91, 8/14/96, 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.1.1 Exception -- U.S. Diving National Championships. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the U.S. Diving National Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. *(Adopted: 8/14/96, Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.1.2 Exception -- North American Cup Fencing Championship. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the North American Cup Fencing Championship, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. *(Adopted: 4/30/09, Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.1.3 Exception -- Junior Olympic Rifle Championships. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic Rifle Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.17.13.1.2 Women's Gymnastics. The following dead periods apply to women's gymnastics: *(Revised: 6/9/10, 7/30/10, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

- (a) The day before the first day of the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships to noon on the day after the championships;
- (b) June 1-15; and
- (c) December 1-30.

13.17.13.1.3 Men's Ice Hockey. The Wednesday before the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship to noon on the Sunday after the championship game. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.4 Women's Ice Hockey. The day before the NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship to noon on the day after the game (Thursday to noon Monday based on the current Friday to Sunday format). *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.13.1.5 Women's Soccer. December 15 through January 5. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

13.17.13.1.6 Men's Soccer. Friday through Sunday of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship; however, a coaching staff member may attend an event conducted in conjunction with and in the host city of the championship. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.17.13.1.8 Men's Wrestling. The following dead periods apply to men's wrestling: *(Adopted: 1/23/19, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

- (a) The day before the first day of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon on the day after the championships; and
- (b) The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention.

13.17.13.1.9 Women's Wrestling. The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

13.17.13.2 Quiet Periods.

13.17.13.2.1 Women's Ice Hockey. The Monday before the American Hockey Coaches Association Convention through May 31. *(Adopted: 10/27/05, Revised: 7/30/10, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.17.13.2.2 Men's Soccer. December 23-25. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

13.18 Basketball Event Certification. In basketball, in order for an event (e.g., camp, league, tournament or festival) to be certified, it must be reviewed and conducted in accordance with certification policies and procedures established and maintained by the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees. The Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group shall administer the certification process in accordance with the certification policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 4/1/02, Revised: 1/13/03, 4/29/04, 1/8/07, 11/1/07, 10/30/08, 2/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/28/10 effective 5/1/11, 4/25/11, 10/27/11, 7/31/13, 6/12/14, 10/29/15, 6/29/16, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18, 8/8/18 effective 1/24/19, 1/24/19)*

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Academic Eligibility

14.01 General Principles.

14.01.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student-athlete meets all applicable eligibility requirements, and the institution has certified the student-athlete's eligibility. A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify the student-athlete's eligibility before allowing the student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. *(Revised: 1/14/08)*

14.01.2 Academic Status. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. *(Revised: 5/29/08)*

14.01.2.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. The standard of good academic standing required for a student-athlete to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition must be at least as demanding as the institutional standard applied to all students to participate in extracurricular activities. *(Revised: 5/29/08, 10/4/17)*

14.01.2.1.1 Additional Application – Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who fails to meet the requirements of good academic standing at the beginning of an institution's fall term shall not be eligible for competition during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.01.3 Compliance With Other NCAA and Conference Legislation. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all rules and regulations of the institution and the conference, if any, of which the institution is a member. A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 10/27/06, 5/29/08)*

14.01.4 Purpose of the Academic Performance Program. The central purpose of the academic performance program is to ensure that the Division I membership is dedicated to providing student-athletes with exemplary educational and intercollegiate-athletics experiences in an environment that recognizes and supports the primacy of the academic mission of its member institutions, while enhancing the ability of male and female student-athletes to earn a four-year degree. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13)*

14.01.5 Nature of Reward and Penalty Structure – Academic Performance Program. The Division I membership is committed to providing higher education for a diverse body of male and female student-athletes within the context of an institution's academic and admissions standards for all students through a system that rewards those institutions and teams that demonstrate commitment toward the academic progress, retention and graduation of student-athletes and penalizes those that do not. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13)*

14.01.6 Disclosure Requirements – Academic Performance Program.

14.01.6.1 Academic Progress Rate -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its academic progress rate (APR) in a form approved and administered by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.01.6.2 Academic Performance Census -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its academic performance census (APC) in a form administered by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.01.6.3 Graduation Success Rate -- Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in a postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its graduation success rate (GSR) in a form approved and administered by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

14.02.1 Academic Progress Rate. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the minimum acceptable academic progress rate (APR), which shall include a calculation that accounts for currently enrolled student-athletes. The rate shall account for the institution's success in retaining and graduating all such student-athletes. Further, the rate shall account for the academic eligibility of the student-athletes, including all applicable NCAA, conference and institutional academic eligibility requirements. The committee shall publish an explanation of the APR calculation to the membership annually. (*Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 7/31/13, 8/7/14*)

14.02.2 Branch School. A branch school is an educational institution that usually offers two years of college work, does not award degrees independently, and is wholly controlled and operated by a four-year, degree-granting parent institution.

14.02.3 Business Day. A business day is any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday during which an institution is closed for other reasons (e.g., holiday break). (*Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10*)

14.02.4 Collegiate Institution. A collegiate institution (for purposes of NCAA legislation) is an institution of higher education that: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 8/8/02*)

- (a) Is accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree;
- (b) Conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, even though the institution is not accredited at the college level and authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree; or
- (c) Is located in a foreign country.

14.02.5 Education-Impacting Disability. An education-impacting disability is a current impairment that has a substantial educational impact on a student's academic performance and requires accommodation. (*Adopted: 8/8/08*)

14.02.6 Exception. An exception is the granting of relief from the application of a specific regulation (e.g., the residence requirement for a transfer student to become eligible for competition). The action granting the exception may be taken solely by the certifying institution, based on evidence that the conditions on which the exception is authorized have been met (see Bylaw 14.02.14). (*Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

14.02.7 Good Academic Standing and Progress Toward Degree. The phrases "good academic standing" and "progress toward degree" are to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic officials who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students, subject to the controlling regulations of the institution; the conference(s) (or similar associations), if any, of which the institution is a member; and applicable NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 14.4).

14.02.8 Graduation Success Rate. The Committee on Academics shall determine the minimum acceptable graduation success rate (GSR). The Committee on Academic Performance shall publish an explanation of the GSR calculation to the membership annually. (*Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14*)

14.02.9 Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. Participation in intercollegiate athletics occurs when a student-athlete either practices in a sport (see Bylaw 17.02.1) or competes in a sport, as defined in Bylaw 17.02.8. Eligibility rules for competition may differ from those for practice.

14.02.10 Qualification Status.

14.02.10.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is a student who, for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition, has met all of the following requirements (see Bylaw 14.3):

- (a) Graduation from high school;
- (b) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses in specified subjects;
- (c) Specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; and
- (d) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.02.10.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) except for the following: (*Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16*)

- (a) The required minimum core-curriculum grade-point average and minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1; and
- (b) Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) shall not apply.

14.02.10.3 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), has not successfully completed the required core curriculum or has not presented the required minimum core-curriculum grade-point average and/or the corresponding SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier or academic redshirt. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.02.11 Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, nonqualifier, transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence. *(Revised: 4/14/10)*

14.02.11.1 Academic Year of Residence. To satisfy an academic year of residence, a student shall: *(Revised: 4/14/10, 5/14/13)*

- (a) Be enrolled in and complete a minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three full quarters; or
- (b) Be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies for two semesters or three quarters and pass a number of hours (including hours earned at the certifying institution during a summer term) that is at least equal to the sum total of the minimum load of each of the required terms.

14.02.12 Term of Full-Time Enrollment. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4, a term of full-time enrollment occurs when a student-athlete attends a class in a regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year while registered as a full-time student, as determined by the institution. *(Adopted: 10/17/19)*

14.02.13 Transfer Student. A transfer student, in the application of NCAA eligibility requirements, is a student who transfers from any collegiate institution after having met any one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2.

14.02.14 Waiver. A waiver is an action exempting an individual or institution from the application of a specific regulation. A waiver requires formal approval (e.g., an NCAA committee or a conference, as specified in the legislation) based on evidence of compliance with the specified conditions or criteria under which the waiver is authorized or extenuating circumstances (see Bylaw 14.02.6). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.1 Admission, Enrollment and Academic Credentials.

14.1.1 Admission. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of that institution.

14.1.1.1 Special Admission. A student-athlete may be admitted under a special exception to the institution's normal entrance requirements if the discretionary authority of the president or chancellor (or designated admissions officer or committee) to grant such exceptions is set forth in an official document published by the university (e.g., official catalog) that describes the institution's admissions requirements. *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, an institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete's academic record. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

14.1.2.1 Invalidation of Academic Credentials After Initial-Eligibility Certification. If a student-athlete's academic credentials (e.g., transcript, test scores) are invalidated after initial eligibility has been certified, the institution must report any violation that may have occurred as a result of the student-athlete's receipt of financial aid or participation in practice or competition and declare the student-athlete ineligible for competition. If such a violation occurred, the student-athlete remains ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement regardless of whether an initial-eligibility waiver is granted after the invalidation of the academic credentials. *(Adopted: 3/3/11)*

14.1.2.2 High School Review Committee. The High School Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a high school shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review and determination of the validity of a high school shall be approved by the Committee on Academics. (See Bylaw 21.9.4.) *(Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

14.1.2.3 Student Records Review Committee. The Student Records Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review of academic

credentials and the determination of the validity of such credentials shall be approved by the Committee on Academics. (See Bylaw 21.9.5.) (*Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14*)

14.1.2.4 NCAA Eligibility Center. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center approved by the Board of Governors to determine the initial eligibility of a student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/19/93 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 3/10/04, 4/27/06 1/8/07, 5/9/07, 10/30/14*)

14.1.2.4.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution is responsible for promptly reporting all discrepancies in information used in a student-athlete's initial-eligibility certification to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Discrepancies in information include, but are not limited to, corrections, additions, potential academic misconduct with regard to high schools attended, grades, completion of coursework or test scores. (*Adopted: 4/27/06, Revised: 5/9/07*)

14.2 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. (See Bylaw 12.8.2.5.) **[D]** (*Revised: 1/10/92, 10/28/99, 3/27/18*)

14.2.1.1 Practice Prior to Initial Enrollment. A student-athlete may practice during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual's initial participation; is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution; and is eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements.

14.2.1.1.1 Prohibited Practice Activities – General Rule. A prospective student-athlete shall not engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a coaching staff member prior to enrollment. A prospective student-athlete may observe an institution's practice session, including a session that is closed to the general public. (*Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 3/3/11, 5/30/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/20/22*)

14.2.1.1.1.1 Exception – Women's Basketball. A prospective student-athlete who signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission may participate in virtual team activities (e.g., team meetings, film review) during an institution's summer vacation period, provided the prospective student-athlete has completed all academic requirements for high school graduation or all transfer academic requirements. (*Adopted: 1/20/22*)

14.2.1.2 Drop/Add Course. A student-athlete no longer shall be considered enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies (after dropping a course that places the student below full-time status) when the dropped course becomes official in accordance with procedures determined by the institution for all students. A student who is adding a course to reach full-time status shall become eligible for practice and competition once the course has been approved by the appropriate department head (or designated representative) and submitted to the registrar. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

14.2.1.3 Exception – Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate or graduate degree program, or a minor or undergraduate certificate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree, minor or certificate requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. To qualify for this exception, a minor or undergraduate certificate program must be officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term. (*Revised: 3/27/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

14.2.1.3.1 Eligibility Following Final Term. A student-athlete who is eligible for practice while enrolled less than full time during the student-athlete's final term remains eligible for practice during the remainder of the institution's season, including postseason events. (See Bylaw 12.8.) (*Adopted: 3/27/18*)

14.2.1.4 Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement. A student-athlete may practice while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies in the final semester or quarter of the student's baccalaureate degree program before participating in an experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project, etc.) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements, other than the experiential learning requirement. A student-athlete who uses this exception is not permitted to use the final semester/quarter exception the following semester or quarter. (*Adopted: 6/28/17 effective 8/1/17 for certifications of eligibility for fall 2017 and after*)

14.2.1.5 Withdrawal or Dismissal. A student-athlete who withdraws or is dismissed from an institution is considered to be a prospective student-athlete eligible for recruitment by other NCAA member institutions and may not continue to practice with the original institution's team.

14.2.1.6 Exception -- Practice During First Week of Class. A student-athlete may practice, but may not compete, during the institution's first five days of classes if the student-athlete is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA requirements. (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)

14.2.1.7 Exception -- Former Student Participating in Practice on an Occasional Basis -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a former student (e.g., former student-athlete) at the certifying institution may participate in an organized practice session on an occasional basis, provided the institution does not publicize the participation of the former student at any time before the practice session. (*Adopted: 3/3/11, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

14.2.1.8 Exception -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Practice. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met: (*Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 10/17/19, 1/22/20*)

- (a) The practice sessions take place at the institution the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the individual previously attended;
- (b) In the case of a former student-athlete, the practice sessions involve an individual sport or women's rowing;
- (c) In the case of a current student-athlete with eligibility remaining, the practice sessions involve an individual or team sport;
- (d) The institution receives confirmation that the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;
- (e) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;
- (f) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately preceding the Olympic or Paralympic Games; and
- (g) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic or Paralympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever occurs earlier. A former student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

14.2.2 Requirement for Competition. To be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours. (*Revised: 6/1/07*)

14.2.2.1 Exceptions. The following exceptions to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter-hour enrollment requirement are permitted:

14.2.2.1.1 Competition Prior to Initial Enrollment. A student-athlete may compete during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual's initial participation; is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution; and is eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. (See Bylaw 16.8.2.1.)

14.2.2.1.2 Eligibility Between Terms. To be eligible for competition that takes place between terms (including competition between a student-athlete's final term as an undergraduate student and first term as a graduate or postbaccalaureate student), the student-athlete shall: (*Revised: 1/11/89, 3/27/18*)

- (a) Have been registered for the required minimum full-time load (see Bylaw 14.2.2) at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, if the student is continuing enrollment; or
- (b) Be accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately following if the student is either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment (see Bylaw 14.4.3.4).

14.2.2.1.3 Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate or graduate

degree program, or a minor or undergraduate certificate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree, minor or certificate requirements. To qualify for this exception, a minor or undergraduate certificate program must be officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term. Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree, minor or certificate requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 2/1/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/12, 8/21/12, 3/27/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.2.2.1.3.1 Eligibility Following Final Term. A student-athlete who is eligible to compete while enrolled less than full time during the student-athlete's final term remains eligible for regular-season competition that occurs after the term and any postseason event that begins within 60 days following the term. A student-athlete who attends a quarter-system institution and who graduates at the end of the winter quarter may compete in any postseason event (and preceding regular-season competition) that occurs during the same academic year following the completion of the winter quarter. *(See Bylaw 12.8.) (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 3/27/18)*

14.2.2.1.4 Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies in the final semester or quarter of the student's baccalaureate degree program before participating in an experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project, etc.) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements, other than the experiential learning requirement. Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree requirements during the following final semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree granting date immediately following the final semester. A student-athlete who uses this exception is not permitted to use the final semester/quarter exception in the following semester or quarter. *(Adopted: 6/28/17 effective 8/1/17 for certifications of eligibility for fall 2017 and after)*

14.2.2.1.5 Graduate Program. A student may compete while enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by the institution (see Bylaw 14.6). *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.2.2.2 Noncredit Work. Hours of noncredit work (including remedial courses) may be counted toward fulfilling the minimum full-time enrollment requirement, provided the noncredit work is given the same academic load value and is considered by the institution to be a requirement for the degree currently being pursued by the student.

14.2.2.3 Concurrent Courses at Two Institutions. Courses taken concurrently at a second institution may be counted toward meeting the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided:

- (a) The certifying institution officially recognizes the student's combined hours as full-time enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours; and
- (b) Courses taken at the second institution will be included on the student's transcript at the institution where the student is seeking the degree.

14.2.2.4 Cooperative Educational Exchange Program. A student-athlete may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics even though at the time of competition the student is enrolled in another institution in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided:

- (a) The certifying institution considers the student to be regularly enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; and
- (b) All work is placed on the student's transcript and accepted toward the student's undergraduate degree at the certifying institution.

14.2.2.5 Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program. A student-athlete may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program. However, a student who participates in a cooperative educational work experience program that is not a required element of the student's degree program must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours, which may include the credit value of the cooperative educational work experience program, at the certifying institution during the same term. *(Adopted: 10/28/10)*

14.2.2.6 Nontraditional Courses. Enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

- (a) The course is available to any student at the institution;
- (b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student;
- (c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the institution's regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures; and
- (d) The course is conducted during the institution's regular academic schedule (term time) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.2.3 Waivers. Waivers may be granted to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter hour enrollment requirement as follows: *(Revised: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.2.3.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. A student-athlete at an institution that determines enrollment hours on a basis other than traditional semester or quarter hours or that conducts a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) may practice and compete, if the student is enrolled for a comparable minimum academic load as determined by the Committee on Academics (see Bylaw 4.4.2). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/8/10)*

14.2.3.2 Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships -- Competition. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships (including junior levels of such events) who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96, 9/12/03, 12/13/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 1/14/12, 1/22/20)*

14.2.3.3 Student-Athletes With Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) may waive the 12-hour requirement for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that an institution defines full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the education-impacting disability. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.2.3.4 Full-Time Enrollment -- Practice and Competition. Unless otherwise specified under this bylaw, the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) may waive the 12-hour requirement for practice and competition. *(Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 5/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers and Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete who enrolls in a member institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, as approved by the Board of Governors, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier or an academic redshirt. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 3/22/06, 5/9/07, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 10/30/14)*

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier shall be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/90, 1/14/94 effective 8/1/96, 2/9/95, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/11, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/02 effective 8/1/08, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03 and 8/1/05, 4/26/06, 5/31/06, 5/9/07, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 5/9/18)*

- (a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.3, including the following:

English	4 years
Mathematics (Three years of mathematics courses at the level of Algebra I or higher). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of mathematics also may be accepted.)	3 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school). (Computer science courses containing significant programming	2 years

elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of natural or physical science also may be accepted.)

Additional courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science	1 year
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office;

- (b) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national, state or district testing date [no residual (campus) testing]; and
- (c) Completion of 10 of the required 16 core courses before the start of the seventh semester (or the equivalent) of high school. Seven of the 10 core courses must include English, mathematics and natural or physical science. The 10 core courses used to fulfill this requirement and the grades achieved in such courses shall be used in determining the student-athlete's eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence and shall not be replaced by courses or grades achieved in subsequently completed core courses, including courses completed after the core-curriculum time limitation pursuant to Bylaws 14.3.1.3.1.1 or 14.3.1.3.1.2. (See Bylaw 14.3.1.3.6.)

14.3.1.1.1 Exception – International Prospective Student-Athletes. The provisions of Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) do not apply to a prospective student-athlete whose initial-eligibility certification is based entirely on international credentials. (*Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16*)

14.3.1.1.2 Exception – Early Academic Certification. A student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided the student-athlete has achieved the following academic criteria: (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/27/11, 4/26/12, 8/2/12 effective 8/1/13 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13, 2/2/16*)

- (a) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 900 (for tests taken prior to March 1, 2016) or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 75, per the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.1.4. A concordant SAT score for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016 will be determined by the College Board; and
- (b) A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 14 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 14 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics, two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course, if offered), two additional core courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.

14.3.1.1.2.1 Submission of Final Transcript. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution during the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of the final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the Eligibility Center by February 1 following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of the final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the Eligibility Center by February 1 of the following academic year. **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.3.1.1.2.1.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The committee shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. (*Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 8/7/14*)

14.3.1.1.3 Initial-Eligibility Index for Qualifiers. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as a qualifier. The SAT scores in the table below apply to tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board:

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.550 & above	400	37	2.900	660	54
3.525	410	38	2.875	670	55
3.500	420	39	2.850	680	56
3.475	430	40	2.825	690	56
3.450	440	41	2.800	700	57
3.425	450	41	2.775	710	58
3.400	460	42	2.750	720	59
3.375	470	42	2.725	730	60
3.350	480	43	2.700	740	61
3.325	490	44	2.675	750	61
3.300	500	44	2.650	760	62
3.275	510	45	2.625	770	63
3.250	520	46	2.600	780	64
3.225	530	46	2.575	790	65
3.200	540	47	2.550	800	66
3.175	550	47	2.525	810	67
3.150	560	48	2.500	820	68
3.125	570	49	2.475	830	69
3.100	580	49	2.450	840	70
3.075	590	50	2.425	850	70
3.050	600	50	2.400	860	71
3.025	610	51	2.375	870	72
3.000	620	52	2.350	880	73
2.975	630	52	2.325	890	74
2.950	640	53	2.300	900	75
2.925	650	53			

14.3.1.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may receive institutional athletically related financial aid but may not compete during the first academic year of residence. An academic redshirt may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility during the first regular academic term of residence. An academic redshirt must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit in each applicable regular academic term in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of the initial academic year of residence. An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) except for the following: *(Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

- (a) The required minimum cumulative grade-point average and minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1;
- (b) Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) shall not apply.

14.3.1.2.1 Initial-Eligibility Index for Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as an academic redshirt. The SAT scores in the table below apply to tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board:

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.550	400	37	2.750	720	59

3.525	410	38	2.725	730	60
3.500	420	39	2.700	740	61
3.475	430	40	2.675	750	61
3.450	440	41	2.650	760	62
3.425	450	41	2.625	770	63
3.400	460	42	2.600	780	64
3.375	470	42	2.575	790	65
3.350	480	43	2.550	800	66
3.325	490	44	2.525	810	67
3.300	500	44	2.500	820	68
3.275	510	45	2.475	830	69
3.250	520	46	2.450	840	70
3.225	530	46	2.425	850	70
3.200	540	47	2.400	860	71
3.175	550	47	2.375	870	72
3.150	560	48	2.350	880	73
3.125	570	49	2.325	890	74
3.100	580	49	2.300	900	75
3.075	590	50	2.275	910	76
3.050	600	50	2.250	920	77
3.025	610	51	2.225	930	78
3.000	620	52	2.200	940	79
2.975	630	52	2.175	950	80
2.950	640	53	2.150	960	81
2.925	650	53	2.125	970	82
2.900	660	54	2.100	980	83
2.875	670	55	2.075	990	84
2.850	680	56	2.050	1000	85
2.825	690	56	2.025	1010	86
2.800	700	57	2.000	1020	86
2.775	710	58			

14.3.1.2.2 Outside Competition -- Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but during the first year of enrollment, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team. (*Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16*)

14.3.1.3 Core-Curriculum Requirements. [#] For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a "core course" must meet all of the following criteria: (*Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/05 for those students first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12*)

- (a) A course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for high school graduation credit in one or a combination of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy;

- (b) A course must be considered college preparatory by the high school. College preparatory is defined for these purposes as any course that prepares a student academically to enter a four-year collegiate institution upon graduation from high school;
- (c) A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or a higher-level mathematics course;
- (d) A course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district or state agency with authority of such matters); and
- (e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities (see Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1.2).

14.3.1.3.1 Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A prospective student-athlete must complete the core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]. Graduation from high school or secondary school shall be based on the prospective student-athlete's prescribed educational path in the prospective student-athlete's country. The eligibility of an international student-athlete whose prescribed educational path culminates with a leaving examination (e.g., General Certificate of Secondary Education, Baccalaureat, Abitur) shall be determined based on the leaving examination, regardless of a delay in graduation or completion of the leaving examination. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 9/15/97, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/12 applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)*

14.3.1.3.1.1 Exception – One Core Course after High School Graduation. If a prospective student-athlete graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, the prospective student-athlete may use one core course, completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year), but not later than the end of the academic year immediately after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class, to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements or both. The prospective student-athlete may complete the core course at a location other than the high school from which the prospective student-athlete graduated and may initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution at any time after completion of the core course. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 9/24/09)*

14.3.1.3.1.1.1 Receipt of Athletically Related Financial Aid While Enrolled in Core Courses. A prospective student-athlete may not use a core course completed after high school graduation to satisfy initial-eligibility requirements if the prospective student-athlete is enrolled in the core course while concurrently receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term. A prospective student-athlete may use a core course completed after high school graduation, provided the prospective student-athlete either completes the core course prior to receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term or does not enroll in the core course until after completion of the institution's summer term for which the prospective student-athlete is receiving athletically related financial aid (see Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4). *(Adopted: 9/24/09)*

14.3.1.3.1.2 Exception – Students with Education-Impacting Disabilities. If a prospective student-athlete with a diagnosed education-impacting disability graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, the prospective student-athlete may use up to three core courses completed after high school graduation to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements or both. The prospective student-athlete may complete the core courses at a location other than the high school from which the prospective student-athlete graduated and may initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution at any time after completion of the core courses. A prospective student-athlete may not use a core course completed after graduation if the prospective student-athlete receives institutional financial aid while enrolled in a course during the summer after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class (see Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4). *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/17/08, 8/7/08, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

14.3.1.3.2 Nontraditional Courses. [#] Courses taught via the Internet, distance learning, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence, and courses taught by similar means may be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements if all of the following conditions are satisfied: *(Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

- (a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw 14.3.1.2;

- (b) The instructor and the student have ongoing access to one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;
- (c) The instructor and the student have regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;
- (d) The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) is available for evaluation and validation;
- (e) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;
- (f) The course includes a defined time period for completion; and
- (g) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.

14.3.1.3.3 College Courses. [#] College courses may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements if accepted by the high school, provided the courses are accepted for any other student, meet all other requirements for core courses and are placed on the student's high school transcript. *(Revised: 4/26/12)*

14.3.1.3.4 English as a Second Language Course. [#] It is permissible to use an advanced-level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy a core-curriculum requirement, provided the is qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular-course offering and the course appears on the high school's list of approved core courses. Further, an advanced-level ESL course must be exclusively for ESL students and all students in the course must be at the same level. *(Adopted: 11/17/98, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 1/13/16)*

14.3.1.3.5 Courses for Students With Education-Impacting Disabilities. [#] High school courses for students with education-impacting disabilities may be used to fulfill the core-curriculum requirements, even if such courses appear to be taught at a level below the high school's regular academic instructional level (e.g., special education courses), if the high school principal submits a written statement to the Eligibility Center indicating that the courses are substantially comparable, quantitatively and qualitatively, to similar core course offerings in that academic discipline and the courses appear on the high school's list of approved core courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in the core curriculum. The fact that the title of a course includes a designation such as "remedial," "special education," "special needs," or other similar titles used for courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities does not, in and of itself, disqualify a course from satisfying core-curriculum requirements. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 2/11/98, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.6 Grade Value of Core Courses. The following grade values are to be used in determining a student's grade-point average in the core courses: A = 4 quality points, B = 3 quality points, C = 2 quality points, D = 1 quality point. In determining the core-curriculum grade-point average, each grade earned in a course (including all numerical grades) must be converted to this 4.000 scale on an individual-course basis. Pluses or minuses within a grade level shall not receive greater or lesser quality points. A school's normal practice of weighting honors or advanced courses may be used to compute the quality points awarded in those courses and the cumulative grade-point average, provided a written statement verifying the grading policy accompanies the prospective student-athlete's official grade transcript. An honors or advanced course shall receive no greater than 1.000 additional quality point (e.g., A=5.000). In calculating the grade in a weighted honors or advanced course, if a high school does not assign quality points to its courses, quality points shall be added to each course before calculating the student's grade-point average and not added to a student's cumulative core-course grade-point average. The core-curriculum grade-point average may be calculated using the student's 16 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/15/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/16 for those student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a college institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.1.3.7 Pass-Fail Grades. [#] Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The Eligibility Center shall assign the course the lowest passing grade that the high school assigns for a pass-fail course. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/15/97, 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.8 Repeat Courses. [#] A repeated course may be used only once to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The best grade in that course may be used to calculate the grade-point average in the core curriculum. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.9 Multiple High School Attendance. [#] For a student-athlete who attends more than one high school, a Form 48-H (core-course form) and an official transcript from each high school the student-athlete attended must be used. However, the Eligibility Center may receive the official transcript from either the student-athlete's original high

school or the high school from which the student-athlete graduated, or an institution's admissions office. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98, 3/30/06, 5/9/07, 4/26/12)*

14.3.1.4 Test-Score Requirements. [#] The minimum required SAT or ACT score (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national, state or district testing date [no residual (campus) testing]. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 5/9/18)*

14.3.1.4.1 Test-Score Time Limitation. The minimum required SAT or ACT score shall be achieved prior to registering for a minimum full-time program of studies (as determined by the institution) and attending classes in a regular term (e.g., semester or quarter) of an academic year at a collegiate institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 6/10/04)*

14.3.1.4.2 Combined Test Scores. [#] For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT from two different national testing dates may be combined in determining whether the student has met the minimum test-score requirements. SAT scores for tests taken prior to March 1, 2016, will not be combined with SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016. For students using the ACT examination, the highest scores achieved on the individual subtests of the ACT from more than one national testing date or state-administered examination may be combined in determining whether the student's sum score has met the minimum test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 2/2/16)*

14.3.1.4.3 Nonstandard Test Administration. [#] Students with education-impacting disabilities may use scores achieved during a nonstandard administration of the SAT or ACT. A student who takes a nonstandard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score. *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12, 5/9/18)*

14.3.1.4.4 Test-Score Report. [#] The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.5 Initial-Eligibility Waivers. The Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.1) shall have the authority to waive the initial-eligibility requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances in which a student's overall academic record warrants a waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall oversee the process for reviewing such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 8/7/14)*

14.3.1.6 Effect of Violations. A violation of Bylaw 14.3.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified as a qualifier shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

14.3.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Nonqualifiers.

14.3.2.1 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), did not present the core-curriculum grade-point average and/or SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier or an academic redshirt. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.2.1.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition. An entering freshman with no previous college attendance who was a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment in a Division I institution shall not be eligible for competition or practice during the first academic year of residence. However, such a student shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid that is not from an athletics source and is based on financial need only, consistent with institutional and conference regulations. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96)*

14.3.2.2 Practice-Session Attendance. A student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who, therefore, is not eligible for practice, may not attend any practice sessions in any capacity, nor may the student-athlete attend any meeting characterized as practice (see Bylaw 17.02.1). *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

14.3.2.3 Outside Competition -- Nonqualifiers. A nonqualifier may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but during the first year of enrollment [including an institution's term-time official vacation periods (e.g., mid-term break, Labor Day weekend) and between terms when classes are not in session (e.g., winter break)], such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team, including a national team. *(Adopted: 1/10/13)*

14.3.3 Seasons of Competition -- Nonqualifiers. Nonqualifiers, recruited or nonrecruited, shall not engage in more than three seasons of competition in any one sport. A student who transfers to a Division I member institution from another collegiate institution shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition with not more than three of those seasons in Division I.

14.3.3.1 Application of Delayed Enrollment Legislation. A student-athlete who is charged with a season (or seasons) of eligibility due to the application of delayed enrollment legislation (Bylaws 12.8.3.2 and 12.8.3.5) is considered to have used that season (or seasons) of competition for purposes of Bylaw 14.3.3. *(Revised: 7/15/15)*

14.3.3.2 Fourth Season of Competition -- Nonqualifiers. A fourth season of intercollegiate competition shall be granted to a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier, provided that at the beginning of the fifth academic year following the student-athlete's initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, the student-athlete has completed at least 80 percent of the student-athlete's designated degree program. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/3/06, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.3.2.1 Waiver. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) shall have the authority to grant a fourth season of intercollegiate competition to a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier based on objective evidence of extraordinary circumstances that warrant a waiver of the normal application of this regulation. *(Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 8/4/05, 1/3/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.4 Residence Requirement -- Academic Redshirts and Nonqualifiers. An academic redshirt must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible to compete and to practice away from the institution. A nonqualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and athletically related financial aid (see Bylaw 14.3.2.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 1/3/06, 4/14/10, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.3.5 Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

14.3.5.1 Participation Prior to Certification. If a student-athlete reports for athletics participation or initial enrollment at the certifying institution before his or her qualification status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements (as certified by the Eligibility Center) to continue practicing, to continue receiving athletically related financial aid or to compete. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 10/7/05, 5/9/07, 9/18/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22)*

14.3.5.1.1 Effect of Violations. A violation of Bylaw 14.3.5.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified as a qualifier shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/29/15)*

14.3.5.2 High School Graduate. In order to be considered a high school graduate, a prospective student-athlete shall meet all graduation requirements, including academic and nonacademic (e.g., state exit exams, community service, senior project) requirements, as defined for all students by the high school or secondary school. *(Adopted: 4/23/08)*

14.3.5.2.1 Equivalency Test/Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but completes a state high school equivalency test [e.g., General Educational Development (GED)] and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement, provided the equivalency test is completed on or after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]. *(Revised: 6/16/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 6/15/15)*

14.3.5.3 Advanced Placement. If the student-athlete is admitted with a minimum of 24 semester hours or a minimum of 36 quarter hours of advanced placement from a College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) examination (or from a similar proficiency examination) and/or concurrent high school/college credit without previous enrollment at a collegiate institution, the student-athlete shall be immediately eligible. Credits earned from extension or summer-session courses may not be counted in satisfaction of this requirement. A "similar proficiency examination" must be an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. *(Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

14.3.5.3.1 International Certification. An institution shall use the Eligibility Center to determine whether a "similar proficiency examination" taken by an international student-athlete is an advanced or higher level, nationally

administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. In addition, the Eligibility Center shall certify the eligibility of an international student-athlete based on the number of advanced placement hours accepted by the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12*)

14.3.5.4 International Academic Standards. A student from a foreign country shall satisfy both the requirements outlined in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and the test-score requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b).

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

14.4.1 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution as determined by the regulations of that institution subject to controlling legislation of a conference or similar association of which the institution is a member and applicable NCAA legislation. (See Bylaw 20.2.4.13 regarding the obligations of members to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes.) (*Revised: 5/29/08, 4/15/09*)

14.4.1.1 Bona Fide International Exchange Student. The eligibility for competition of a bona fide international exchange student, as defined in Bylaw 14.5.1.5.1, shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least: (*Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/14/09*)

- (a) Six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student has enrolled full time at the certifying institution;
- (b) Eighteen semester or 27 quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement) (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4); and
- (c) A minimum grade-point average per academic term of enrollment as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.3.

14.4.1.2 Temporary Student. A student-athlete having the status of temporary, transient or exchange student shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition unless such status is specifically allowed and governed by provisions adopted by the membership.

14.4.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. Eligibility for institutional financial aid and practice during each academic year after a student-athlete's initial year of residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in a sport shall be based upon the rules of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member.

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least: (*Revised: 1/10/92, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/28/05*)

- (a) Twenty-four semester or 36 quarter hours of academic credit prior to the start of the student-athlete's second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter);
- (b) Eighteen semester or 27 quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement) (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4); and
- (c) Six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (see Bylaw 14.4.3.4.3 for postseason certification).

14.4.3.1.1 Regular Academic Year. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1, the regular academic year shall be defined as the time beginning with the opening of the institution's fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises. (*Adopted: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 6/1/06*)

14.4.3.1.2 Transfer. To be eligible for competition, a transfer student-athlete must meet the following credit-hour requirements based on attendance at the previous institution(s) for the specified time and may use any hours of academic credit earned at any collegiate institution: (*Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 5/12/05*)

- (a) Equivalent of one semester/one quarter: six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit;
- (b) Equivalent of one academic year (e.g., two semesters/three quarters): 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of academic credit;
- (c) Equivalent of three semesters/four quarters: 30 semester or 42 quarter hours of academic credit; or
- (d) Equivalent of four semesters/six quarters and thereafter: six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the previous term of full-time enrollment, if applicable (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.2.1).

14.4.3.1.2.1 Six-Hour Requirement for Transfer. A transfer student-athlete from a domestic two-year or four-year collegiate institution must complete six hours of academic credit during the previous term of full-time enrollment regardless of when the student-athlete enrolls in the certifying institution. A transfer student-athlete from a foreign collegiate institution is not required to complete six hours of academic credit in the previous term of full-time enrollment. *(Adopted: 5/12/05)*

14.4.3.1.3 Regaining Eligibility. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a), a student-athlete who does not meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hour requirement prior to the start of the student-athlete's second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter), may become eligible at the beginning of the next academic term by successfully completing 24 semester or 36 quarter hours during the previous two semesters or three quarters. *(Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05)*

14.4.3.1.3.1 Exception -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is subject to the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hour requirement at the beginning of an institution's fall term and fails to meet the requirement based on the student-athlete's academic record in existence at that time shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.1.4 Application of Rule. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b), once a student-athlete initially enrolls as a full-time student [including a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer)], the student-athlete must meet the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement prior to the start of the institution's third semester or fourth quarter following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment. Further, the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement applies to each academic year in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student during any term of that academic year. (See Bylaw 14.02.12.) Credits earned during a term in which a student-athlete is enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies may be used to satisfy the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement only if such credits are combined with credits earned during a term that immediately precedes or immediately follows a term in which the student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student. Credits earned during a part-time term may be completed at an institution other than the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 9/18/07, 4/8/09, 10/17/19)*

14.4.3.1.4.1 Application to a Midyear Enrollee. After a midyear enrollee's initial certification, (prior to the start of the institution's third semester or fourth quarter following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment), the student-athlete's completion of the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement shall be certified prior to the start of each academic year based on the student-athlete's record since the beginning of the previous fall term. *(Adopted: 4/8/09)*

14.4.3.1.4.2 Additional Application -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is subject to the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement at the beginning of an institution's fall term and fails to meet the requirement based on the student-athlete's academic record in existence at that time shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.1.5 Additional Application of Six-Hour and Transfer Rules -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who fails to meet the requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(c) or 14.4.3.1.2, or both, to be eligible for an institution's fall term shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.4.3.1.6 Additional Requirements -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine semester hours or eight quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term or does not earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term (or does not successfully complete either requirement) shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 5/28/13)*

14.4.3.1.6.1 Regaining Eligibility for Two Contests. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided the student-athlete successfully completes at least 27 semester hours or 40 quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in the initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27 semester/40 quarter credit-hour requirement. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 2/6/12)*

14.4.3.1.6.2 Regaining Full Eligibility -- One-Time Exception. [FBS/FCS] One time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests of that season, provided the student-athlete successfully completes at least 27 semester hours or 40 quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in the initial year

of full-time collegiate enrollment may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27 semester/40 quarter credit-hour requirement. (*Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 2/6/12, 5/28/13*)

14.4.3.1.7 Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit. The calculation of credit hours for the application of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(a), 14.4.3.1-(c) and 14.4.3.1.6 shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program, as follows: (*Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 3/12/12, 3/27/18, 1/29/19 effective 8/1/19 for certification of eligibility for competition that occurs on or after 8/1/19.*)

- (a) During the first two years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs;
- (b) By the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), a student-athlete shall be required to have designated a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree. From that point, the credits used to meet the progress-toward-degree requirements must be degree credit toward the student's designated degree program;
- (c) A student-athlete who changes designated degree programs between terms may comply with the progress-toward-degree requirements if:
 - (1) The change in programs is documented appropriately by the institution's academic authorities;
 - (2) The credits earned prior to the change are acceptable toward the degree previously sought; and
 - (3) The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree.
- (d) A student-athlete who, in accordance with institutional policy, changes designated degree programs during a regular academic term may use credits earned during the term to fulfill credit-hour requirements toward the degree previously sought or the newly designated degree; and
- (e) Once a student-athlete has begun the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), a course may not be used to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree if the student ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major, even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program.

14.4.3.1.7.1 Exception -- Final Academic Year of Degree Program. A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (final two semesters or three quarters) of the student-athlete's designated degree program may use credit hours acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs to satisfy the six-hour requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and the nine semester or eight quarter-hour requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6), provided the institution certifies that the student is enrolled in courses necessary to complete degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters or the following summer. Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree requirements and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. (*Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 3/27/18*)

14.4.3.1.7.2 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. Credit hours earned or accepted toward a minor, including a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may be used to satisfy the credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, provided the minor is officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term. (*Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/18/18*)

14.4.3.1.7.3 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward an Undergraduate Certificate Program. Credit hours earned or accepted toward an undergraduate certificate program may be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, provided the following conditions are met: (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/18/18*)

- (a) Completion of the certificate requires a minimum of nine credit hours;
- (b) Enrollment in the program is only available to regular, degree-seeking, undergraduate students; and
- (c) The student-athlete officially designates the program (pursuant to institutional policy) before the conclusion of the institution's first five days of classes of the applicable term.

14.4.3.2 Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering the third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering the fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed

successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering the fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. The course requirements must be in the student's specific degree program (as opposed to the student's major). (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/9/96, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03*)

14.4.3.2.1 Five-Year Degree Program. If the student-athlete's degree is identified in the institution's official catalog as a five-year program or otherwise requires the completion of a minimum of 150 semester or 225 quarter hours, the student-athlete who is entering the third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 33 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering the fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 50 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering the fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 67 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. (*Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03*)

14.4.3.2.2 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year of residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92*)

14.4.3.2.2.1 Exception – National Service Academies. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall only apply to the eligibility of a student-athlete for those years in which the student-athlete is enrolled at a national service academy. (*Adopted: 4/24/03*)

14.4.3.2.3 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete's eligibility under this provision shall be determined on the basis of the student's academic record in existence at the beginning of that student's third or later academic year (fifth semester or seventh quarter) of full-time enrollment (see Bylaw 14.02.12). If the student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the progress-toward-degree legislation at the beginning of that term, eligibility may be reinstated at the beginning of any other regular term of that student's specific academic year, based on the student's later fulfillment of the necessary degree requirements. (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 10/17/19*)

14.4.3.2.3.1 Exception – Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is ineligible under this provision at the beginning of an institution's fall term shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08*)

14.4.3.2.4 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. Credit hours earned or accepted toward a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may not be used to satisfy percentage-of-degree requirements even if the student-athlete must complete the requirements of the voluntary or optional minor to graduate. A student-athlete may use credits earned in a minor only if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. (*Adopted: 9/24/09*)

14.4.3.3 Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering the second year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum 4.000) that equals at least 90 percent of the institution's overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering the third year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 95 percent of the institution's overall cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering the fourth or later year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 100 percent of the institution's overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation. If the institution does not have an overall grade-point average required for graduation, it is permissible to use the lowest grade-point average required for any of the institution's degree programs in determining the cumulative minimum grade-point average. The minimum grade-point average must be computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students. (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/15/09*)

14.4.3.3.1 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term of residence at the certifying institution. A student-athlete who attends the certifying institution as a full-time student, transfers to another institution and later returns to the original institution is immediately subject to the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 on re-enrollment. (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/15/09, 9/24/09*)

14.4.3.3.2 Timing of Certification – Sports Other Than Men's Wrestling. In sports other than men's wrestling, a student-athlete's eligibility under this provision shall be certified by the first date of competition or contest of each regular term of an academic year beginning with that student's second or later academic year (third semester or

fourth quarter) of full-time enrollment (see Bylaw 14.02.12). The certification shall be based on the student-athlete's academic record in existence at the beginning of the applicable term. (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 5/9/08, 4/15/09, 10/17/19, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22*)

14.4.3.3.2.1 Exception -- Baseball. In baseball, a student-athlete who is ineligible under this provision at the beginning of an institution's fall term shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08*)

14.4.3.3.3 Additional Requirement -- Men's Wrestling. In men's wrestling, a student-athlete who has completed an academic term in residence at the certifying institution shall present either a cumulative minimum grade-point average or a term minimum grade point average of at least 2.000. A student-athlete's eligibility under this provision shall be certified by the first date of competition or contest of each regular term of an academic year beginning with that student-athlete's second term of full-time enrollment. The certification shall be based on the student-athlete's record in existence at the beginning of the applicable term. (*Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22, Revised: 8/16/22*)

14.4.3.4 Change in Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete's academic eligibility changes at the end of a quarter or semester, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date eligibility officially is certified by the appropriate institutional authority. In a case in which the student becomes eligible at the end of the term, the earliest date on which the student can become eligible to compete is the day after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. In a case in which the student becomes ineligible, the ineligibility shall become effective not later than the first day of classes of the following semester or quarter. In any case, if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the time of the student-athlete's or the institution's first participation in an NCAA championship, the student-athlete shall remain eligible for the remainder of the championship. (*Revised: 7/31/14*)

14.4.3.4.1 Certification of Eligibility at the End of the Academic Year. A student-athlete who was ineligible to compete during an entire academic year (did not meet progress-toward-degree requirements or was serving a transfer year of residence) may not be certified as eligible to compete in the season already in progress (e.g., outdoor track and field, baseball) at the end of the academic year. A student-athlete who was eligible for competition at the beginning of the academic year but became ineligible at midyear (e.g., due to failure to meet the six-hour requirement) may be certified as eligible at the end of the academic year for competition in a season already in progress (e.g., outdoor track and field, baseball), provided the student-athlete meets all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition during the subsequent fall term. (*Adopted: 10/4/16*)

14.4.3.4.2 Exception.

14.4.3.4.2.1 Institutions With Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official posting date for grades falls within three days of the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have three business days from the official date on which grades must be posted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and to certify that student-athletes have satisfied the grade-point average requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.3. For those institutions that post grades on a rolling basis, the three-business-day period shall begin within the first week of classes. (*Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14*)

14.4.3.4.2.2 Institutions With No Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official submission date for grades falls on or after the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have five business days from the date on which grades are submitted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and to certify that student-athletes have maintained grade-point average requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.3. (*Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14*)

14.4.3.4.2.3 Certification of Eligibility. During the three-business-day or five-business-day period, a student-athlete who is otherwise eligible under NCAA, conference and institutional requirements, shall be permitted to compete. If during the exception period, a student-athlete is certified ineligible, the student-athlete shall be declared immediately ineligible for competition. If the three-business-day or five-business-day period concludes prior to the certification of eligibility for any student-athlete, the student-athlete shall be ineligible until such time the student-athlete is declared eligible for competition. (*Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14*)

14.4.3.4.3 Eligibility for Postseason Competition -- Between Terms. To be eligible to compete in a postseason event (e.g., conference tournament, bowl game, National Invitation Tournament, NCAA championship) that occurs between regular terms (including summer) a student-athlete shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment (see Bylaws

14.02.12, 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.1.7). (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/12/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 7/31/14, 10/17/19)

14.4.3.4.3.1 Less Than Full-Time Enrollment. A student-athlete who was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies pursuant to an exception or waiver during the term immediately prior to the postseason event is subject to the following requirements: (Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)

- (a) If the student-athlete was enrolled in at least six credit hours, the student-athlete shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit; or
- (b) If the student-athlete was enrolled in fewer than six credit hours, the student-athlete shall have satisfactorily completed the number of semester or quarter hours of academic credit in which the student-athlete was enrolled.

14.4.3.4.3.2 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete's eligibility under this provision shall be determined within 14 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.3) (regardless of the date on which grades are posted or submitted) after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. If the postseason event occurs prior to the conclusion of the 14 business days, eligibility shall be determined by using grades from the immediately preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall term if certifying for a bowl game), provided a sufficient number of grades from the term have been posted. All grades posted in accordance with institutional procedures by 5 p.m. local time (where the institution is located) on the day prior to the postseason event must be considered. If the postseason event occurs prior to the conclusion of the 14 business days and an insufficient number of grades from the immediately preceding term have been posted, eligibility shall be determined by using grades from the most recent regular academic term for which a sufficient number of grades have been posted. (Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.3.2.1 Certification for Multiday Events. A student-athlete who is certified eligible for the first day of a multiday event (e.g., conference track and field championship) remains eligible for the entire event regardless of whether additional grades are posted after the certification deadline, provided the event concludes prior to the start of the next regular academic term. If an insufficient number of grades are posted for a student-athlete to be certified eligible based on the immediately preceding term and the student-athlete will participate in another postseason event (e.g., NCAA championship) that occurs during the same period between regular terms, the institution must recertify the student-athlete with grades available by 5 p.m. local time (where the institution is located) on the day prior to the start of the additional postseason event. (Adopted: 10/21/13, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.4 Eligibility for Postseason Competition -- Postseason Football Bowl Game During an Institution's Second Academic Term. [FBS] If an institution is selected to participate in a postseason bowl game that will occur during the institution's second regular term (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) of the academic year, a student-athlete's eligibility to compete in the bowl game shall be certified consistent with the standards applicable to postseason competition that occurs between terms (see Bylaws 14.4.3.4 and 14.4.3.4.3). However, a student-athlete must meet full-time enrollment requirements applicable to term-time competition (see Bylaw 14.2.2). (Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.5 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

14.4.3.5.1 Nontraditional Terms. An institution that determines registration other than on a traditional semester- or quarter-hour basis shall submit a statement describing the continuing-eligibility requirements applicable to its student-athletes for approval by the Committee on Academics. (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

14.4.3.5.2 Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination before initial full-time enrollment may be used to meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter-hour requirement specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and percentage-of-degree requirements specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.2, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. Credit received after initial full-time enrollment through advanced-placement tests or by examination may be used to meet all progress-toward-degree requirements, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. (Revised: 10/4/17)

14.4.3.5.3 Nontraditional Courses From Another Institution. Nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit-hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the following conditions are met: (Revised: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)

- (a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;
- (b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and
- (c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution's regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.4.3.5.3.1 Summer Courses. A student-athlete may enroll in a nontraditional course during the certifying institution's summer vacation period at a time other than during the offering institution's regular enrollment periods for traditional courses and may use credits from such courses to meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hours requirement and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the course is completed before the first day of the certifying institution's regular fall term. *(Adopted: 10/21/13)*

14.4.3.5.4 Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses. Remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses may be used by the student to satisfy the minimum academic progress requirement of Bylaw 14.4.3.1 only if they meet all of the following conditions: *(Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/27/18)*

- (a) The courses must be considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program;
- (b) The courses must be given the same weight as others in the institution in determining the student's status for full-time enrollment;
- (c) Noncredit courses may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for such courses in any baccalaureate degree program (or the student's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated); and
- (d) Credit in such courses shall not exceed six semester or nine quarter hours, and the courses must be taken before the start of the student's second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter).

14.4.3.5.5 Incomplete Grades. A student who receives an incomplete grade in a course may use the course in question to fulfill the minimum progress-toward-degree requirements, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The incomplete grade must have been removed in accordance with the institution's regulations applicable to all students;
- (b) Such a course may be counted only once after a grade has been achieved that is acceptable to the institution for determining progress toward degree; and
- (c) The course with the acceptable grade shall be counted either during the term in which the student initially enrolled in the course or during the term in which the incomplete grade was removed and acceptable credit was awarded.

14.4.3.5.5.1 Summer Courses -- Credit-Hour Requirements. If a student enrolls in a summer course but completes the course during the regular academic year, for purposes of Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.1.6, credit for the course must be counted in the summer term of initial enrollment in the course. *(Adopted: 3/27/18)*

14.4.3.5.6 Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student to satisfy the minimum academic progress requirements only under the following conditions: *(Revised: 3/27/18)*

- (a) A course repeated due to an unsatisfactory initial grade (as determined by the institution's regulations applicable to all students) may be used only once, and only after it has been satisfactorily completed;
- (b) Credit for a course for which credit is given only once may not be used in the term in which the course is repeated if the same grade is received as was received for the course in a previous term;
- (c) Credit for a course for which credit may be earned more than once (e.g., a physical education activities course) shall be limited by institutional regulations; and
- (d) Credits earned in courses for which credit may be earned more than once may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for credits of that type for any baccalaureate degree program (or for the student's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated).

14.4.3.5.7 Credit From Other Institutions.

14.4.3.5.7.1 Before Initial Full-Time Enrollment. Credit hours earned before initial full-time enrollment may be used to fulfill the 24 semester or 36 quarter-hours requirement specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and the percentage-of-degree requirements specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.2. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/5/06, 7/27/16)*

14.4.3.5.7.2 Concurrent Enrollment. Credit hours earned from a traditional course during a regular term at another institution while enrolled as a full-time student at the certifying institution may be used to satisfy

progress-toward-degree requirements specified in Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.2 (see Bylaw 14.4.3.5.3). Such credits may be used to meet the requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(b) and 14.4.3.1-(c), provided: (*Revised: 7/27/16*)

- (a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;
- (b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and
- (c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution's regular enrollment periods (preregistration or drop/add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.4.3.5.8 Cooperative Educational Work Experience and Study-Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during a regular academic term or terms of full-time enrollment in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program. (*Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 10/8/10*)

14.4.3.6 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The following provisions are exceptions to the progress-toward-degree rule: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/24/03 effective after the 2003 fall term, 4/29/04, 8/25/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/28/09, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 3/27/18, 1/5/21*)

- (a) **Missed Term.** One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) The student-athlete did not attend class during a regular academic term while enrolled in a full-time program of studies;
 - (2) The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance; and
 - (3) At the time of certification, the student has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3.1) for the terms in which the student was in attendance.

A transfer student from a two-year college is not eligible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year of residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year of residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may be used to satisfy the 24/36 hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3).

- (b) **Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant.** A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulation for the initial season of eligibility if the student was not recruited by the certifying institution; has never received athletically related financial assistance; has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics, except that a student may have participated in limited preseason tryouts; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The student-athlete's eligibility in following seasons would be governed by the provisions of the progress-toward-degree rule, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student began participation. This exception shall not apply to the percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and minimum grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3) requirements.
- (c) **Graduate Student Exception.** A graduate student-athlete who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation, except the student-athlete shall successfully complete a minimum of six semester or quarter hours of academic credit from course work that meets graduate program requirements during each regular academic term in which the student is enrolled full time as a graduate student. A graduate student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific degree program must earn six hours of academic credit applicable toward the designated degree program. (See Bylaw 14.6.)
- (d) **Postbaccalaureate Exception.** A student-athlete who graduates and enrolls in a second baccalaureate degree or is taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation, except the student-athlete shall successfully complete a minimum of six semester or quarter hours of academic credit during each regular academic term in which the student is enrolled full time. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific degree program must earn six hours of academic credit applicable toward the designated degree program. (See Bylaw 14.6.)
- (e) **Cooperative Educational Work Experience and Study Abroad Programs.** The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at nine hours for each term the student-athlete is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The institution considers the student-athlete to be a full-time student while participating in the cooperative educational work experience or study-abroad program;
- (2) The student-athlete satisfactorily completes the cooperative educational work experience or study-abroad program; and
- (3) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3) for the terms in which the student-athlete has been in regular full-time attendance.

14.4.3.7 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. The following waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee. (*Revised: 1/9/96, 10/28/97, 4/27/00, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/28/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/14/12, 5/22/13, 3/27/18, 1/22/20, 1/22/20*)

- (a) **Medical Absence.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(b), 14.4.3.1-(c), 14.4.3.1.6 and 14.4.3.6-(c) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family. Credits earned by the student during the term to which the waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24/36 hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). However, a term to which a medical absence waiver applies does not count as a term of full-time enrollment for purposes of the 24/36 credit-hour requirement, percentage-of-degree requirements or grade-point average requirements.
- (b) **International Competition.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.6-(c) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of participation in the Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters. Credits earned by the student during the term or terms to which the waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24-/36-hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). However, a term to which an international competition waiver applies does not count as a term of full-time enrollment for purposes of the 24/36 credit-hour requirement, percentage-of-degree requirements or grade-point average requirements.

14.4.3.8 Waiver -- Olympic or Paralympic Games. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee may waive this general progress-toward-degree requirement for any participant in the Olympic or Paralympic Games, who because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport. (*Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/22/20*)

14.4.3.9 Waiver -- Student-Athletes With Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) may waive the general progress-toward-degree requirements for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that the institution has defined full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the student's education-impacting disability. (*Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 8/7/08*)

14.4.3.10 Additional Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) shall have the authority to waive all other progress-toward-degree requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 8/7/14*)

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

14.5.1 Residence Requirement -- General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.11) at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete, unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or qualifies

for an exception as set forth in this bylaw. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 5/19/08, 6/24/09, 4/14/10, 8/3/22)

14.5.1.1 Fulfillment of Residence Requirement in Night School. When a student transfers to a member institution and is required to fulfill a residence requirement before being eligible to participate in competition, it is permissible for the transfer student to meet the requirement by attending an institution's night school, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The night school has regular terms (semesters or quarters) that are the same as the institution's day school;
- (b) The student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies during each night term counted; and
- (c) The student is considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student in each term.

14.5.1.2 Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution (as opposed to one of the institution's teams) for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/4/17)

14.5.1.3 Outside Competition -- Not a Qualifier. A two-year college transfer student who is not a qualifier and does not meet the applicable transfer requirements may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year of residence. A four-year college transfer student who is not a qualifier and who has not completed an academic year of residence may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year of residence. (Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 1/3/06)

14.5.1.4 Eligibility for Championship in Progress. A transfer student shall be eligible for any NCAA championship that is in progress after a full calendar year has elapsed and at the time the student has completed two full semesters or three full quarters of academic work.

14.5.1.5 Foreign Institution Transfers. A transfer student from a foreign collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college), except one entering as a bona fide exchange student, shall comply with the one-year residence requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.1.

14.5.1.5.1 Bona Fide International Exchange Student Exception. A bona fide international exchange student is an individual who is sponsored by the government of the student's nation, or is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Rotary International, the Ford Foundation, the Institute of International Education or a similar organization. For a student to be considered a bona fide exchange student, the sponsoring organization shall identify the student prior to the student's departure from the student's home country and make the necessary arrangements to finance the student's education under the international exchange program. If these arrangements have not been completed before the student's enrollment at the certifying institution, the student is considered to be a transfer student and may not represent the institution in competition until the individual has met the required residence requirement.

14.5.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution: (Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 4/26/01, 4/14/03, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19 applicable to full time enrollment in a regular term on or after 8/1/19)

- (a) The student attended a class or classes in any quarter or semester in which the student was enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, even if the enrollment was on a provisional basis and the student was later determined by the institution not to be admissible;
- (b) The student is or was enrolled in an institution in a minimum full-time program of studies in a night school that is considered to have regular terms (semesters or quarters) the same as the institution's day school, and the student is or was considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student;
- (c) The student attended a branch school that does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, but the student had been enrolled in another collegiate institution prior to attendance at the branch school;
- (d) The student attended a branch school that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to an institution other than the parent institution;
- (e) The student reported for a regular squad practice (including practice or conditioning activities that occur prior to certification per Bylaws 14.3.5.1 and 14.5.4.6.7), announced by the institution through any member of its athletics

department staff, prior to the beginning of any quarter or semester, as certified by the athletics director. Participation only in picture-day activities would not constitute "regular practice";

- (f) The student participated in practice or competed in a given sport even though the student was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies; or
- (g) The student received institutional financial aid while attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program (see Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4). A recruited student who receives institutional aid pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4 is subject to the transfer provisions, except that a prospective student-athlete (recruited or nonrecruited) who is denied admission to the institution for full-time enrollment shall be permitted to enroll at another institution without being considered a transfer student.

14.5.3 Conditions Not Constituting Transfer Status. Unless otherwise covered by conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2, a student-athlete is not considered a transfer under the following enrollment conditions:

14.5.3.1 Summer School, Extension Courses or Night School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a summer school, extension course or night school, unless the night school is considered by the institution to be a regular term (semester or quarter) the same as its day school, the student is enrolled for a minimum full-time load in this regular night term, and the student is considered by the institution to be a regularly enrolled student.

14.5.3.2 Prospective Student-Athlete Attending Summer School Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment. A prospective student-athlete receiving financial aid to attend summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment who is denied admission to the institution for full-time enrollment. (*Adopted: 4/26/01*)

14.5.3.3 Branch School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a branch school, provided the branch school does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program. If the branch school conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, the student shall not be considered a transfer only upon enrollment at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of "branch school," see Bylaw 14.02.2.)

14.5.3.4 Second Campus of Institution. The student is in residence at an institution's campus that is not in the same city as the institution's main campus, provided the campus at which the student is in residence does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, classes on the campus are taught by the same instructors who teach classes on the main campus, the credits received by all class enrollees are considered as regular credits by the institution's main campus, and the degrees awarded to all students come from the institution's main campus.

14.5.3.5 Academic Exchange Program. The student participates in a regular academic exchange program between two four-year institutions that requires a participant to complete a specified period of time at each institution, and the program provides for the student-athlete to receive at least two baccalaureate or equivalent degrees at the conclusion of this joint academic program.

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements. (*Revised: 1/19/92, 4/14/10*)

14.5.4.1 Qualifier. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) is eligible for competition in the first academic year of residence if the student meets the requirements for a nonqualifier to be eligible for competition (per Bylaw 14.5.4.2.1) or: (*Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, 6/28/17 effective 8/1/17 for certifications of eligibility for fall 2017 and after*)

- (a) Has spent at least one full-time semester or one full-time quarter of residence at the two-year college (excluding summer sessions);
- (b) Has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2); and
- (c) Has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college.

14.5.4.1.1 Baseball and Basketball – Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a qualifier who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.1, but initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. (*Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 3/10/04, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08*)

14.5.4.2 Nonqualifier.

14.5.4.2.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence only if the student: *(Revised: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20 for incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes initially enrolling full-time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/20)*

- (a) Has graduated from the two-year college;
- (b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;
- (c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and
- (d) Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2).

14.5.4.2.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid and practice during the first academic year of residence only if the student: *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20 for incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes initially enrolling full-time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/20)*

- (a) Has graduated from the two-year college;
- (b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;
- (c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and
- (d) Has achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2).

14.5.4.2.3 Use of Hours Earned During Summer Terms. Not more than a total of 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during summer terms, and not more than nine semester or 13.5 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during the summer term(s) immediately prior to the academic year in which the transfer occurs (including a midyear transfer). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.2.4 Three-Semester/Four-Quarter Attendance Requirement. A student-athlete is not permitted to satisfy the three-semester/four-quarter attendance requirement during one academic year. *(Adopted: 6/8/99)*

14.5.4.2.5 Baseball and Basketball – Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student who was not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.2, but initially enrolls at a certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 3/10/04, 6/1/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.5.4.3 Academic Redshirt. A transfer student from a two-year college who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) is eligible for competition during the first academic year of residence only if the student: *(Adopted: 8/1/12 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20 for incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes initially enrolling full-time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/20)*

- (a) Has graduated from the two-year college;
- (b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;
- (c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2).

14.5.4.3.1 Use of Hours Earned During Summer Term. Not more than a total of 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during summer terms, and not more than nine semester or 13.5 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during the summer term(s) immediately prior to the academic year in which the transfer occurs (including a midyear transfer). *(Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.3.2 Three-Semester/Four-Quarter Attendance Requirement. A student-athlete is not permitted to satisfy the three-semester/four-quarter attendance requirement during one academic year. *(Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.3.3 Baseball and Basketball – Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.3 but initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. *(Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16 for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.4 Status as Nonqualifier. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school before enrolling as a regular student in a two-year college may not transfer work back to the high school, graduate from the high school and establish initial eligibility at a member institution on the basis of the revised high school record. Such a student is considered to be a two-year college transfer who was a nonqualifier.

14.5.4.5 Status of Nonqualifier, Nonrecruited. A two-year college student-athlete who transferred to a Division I institution without meeting the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.4.2 shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year of residence. However, such a student who was not recruited per Bylaw 13.02.14.1 and for whom admission and financial aid were granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid. *(Revised: 1/23/19)*

14.5.4.6 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

14.5.4.6.1 Multiple Two-Year Colleges. If a student-athlete has been in residence at two or more two-year colleges, the terms of residence at all two-year colleges may be combined in order to satisfy the residence requirement. All grades and all course credits that are transferable from the two-year colleges to the certifying institution shall be considered in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under Bylaw 14.5 (see also Bylaw 14.5.6). In addition, at least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements must be earned at the two-year college that awards the degree. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

14.5.4.6.2 Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution. If a student-athlete attends a two-year college and, prior to regular enrollment at a member institution, attains additional credits as a part-time student in a four-year collegiate institution, the hours accumulated at the four-year institution may be used by the member institution in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under the two-year college transfer provisions, provided: *(Revised: 4/28/14)*

- (a) The hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on the transcript by the two-year college from which the student-athlete transfers prior to the date of initial regular enrollment at the NCAA member institution; or
- (b) The hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on any other official document (other than the student's transcript) used by the two-year college for this purpose prior to the date of initial regular enrollment at the NCAA member institution. Such a document must include the official seal of the two-year college, be signed by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college and be forwarded directly from the two-year college to the appropriate admissions official of the certifying institution.

14.5.4.6.3 Determination of Transferable Degree Credit. For the purpose of determining transferable degree credit, the institution may count those courses accepted as degree credit in any of its colleges, schools or departments.

14.5.4.6.3.1 Transferable Credit, Unacceptable Grade. Credit hours for courses with grades not considered acceptable for transferable degree credit for all students at an institution shall not be counted in determining whether the transfer requirement for total number of hours is satisfied.

14.5.4.6.3.2 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the qualitative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit. Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation.

14.5.4.6.4 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/13/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

14.5.4.6.5 Degree Requirement. In order to satisfy the two-year-college graduation requirement for eligibility immediately upon transfer from a two-year college to a member institution, a student-athlete must receive an associate or equivalent degree in an academic or technical, rather than a vocational, curriculum. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) shall have the authority to determine whether a two-year college degree is academic or technical, rather than vocational, in nature. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)*

14.5.4.6.6 Transfer to Four-Year College Prior to Completion of Requirements. The requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 must be met prior to a student-athlete's transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a two-year college student transfers (as defined in Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution prior to the completion of applicable transfer requirements, the student is subject to the one-year residence requirement at the certifying institution, even though the student transfers back to the two-year college and completes the necessary requirements.

14.5.4.6.7 Participation Prior to Certification. If a two-year college transfer student reports for athletics participation or initial enrollment at the certifying institution before the student's high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer student to continue practicing, to continue receiving athletically related financial aid or to compete. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 9/18/07, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22)*

14.5.4.6.8 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a two-year institution, who has met the two-year transfer eligibility requirements per Bylaw 14.5.4, is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed at the two-year college during that segment of the same academic year in that sport. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

14.5.4.7 Exceptions for Transfers From Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is not a qualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw. *(Revised: 4/27/06)*

14.5.4.7.1 Discontinued/Non-sponsored Sport Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue participation in a sport because the student's original two-year college dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program (even though it may subsequently establish that sport on a club basis) or never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at that institution, provided the student never transferred (see Bylaw 14.5.2) from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport while the student was in attendance and the student earned at least a minimum 2.500 grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2) at the two-year college. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.7.1.1 Original Collegiate Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the two-year college in which the student was enrolled immediately prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, provided that, if the student is transferring from a two-year college that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport while the student was in attendance. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.4.7.2 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from a two-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither engaged in intercollegiate competition nor engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14 consecutive-day period, and has neither practiced with a noncollegiate amateur team nor engaged in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14

consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/9/06)*

14.5.4.8 Submission of Information Necessary to Determine Academic Initial-Eligibility Status. An institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the academic initial-eligibility status of a two-year college transfer student-athlete prior to the end of the student-athlete's first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution. If a two-year college transfer student-athlete is added to an institution's squad list after the end of the first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution, the institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine academic initial-eligibility status prior to end of the academic year in which the student-athlete is added to the squad list. The necessary information may be submitted through official or unofficial transcripts or test-score reports. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for two-year college transfer student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/10)*

14.5.4.8.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The Committee on Academics shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for two-year college transfer student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/10, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.5.4.9 Waivers. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process.

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/14/10)*

14.5.5.1.1 Attendance for One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who attended a four-year institution at least one academic year shall be eligible for financial aid (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4) and practice at a member institution under the rules of the institution and the conference of which the institution is a member, regardless of the student's qualification status (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) at the time of initial enrollment. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.10) and who attended a four-year institution less than one full academic year shall not be eligible for competition during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution. Participation in practice sessions and the receipt of financial aid during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution by such students is governed by the provisions of Bylaw 14.3.2.1 (see Bylaw 14.5.5.4). *(Revised: 1/3/06, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.5.1.3 Competition on a Foreign Tour. See Bylaw 17.31.1.4 for exceptions to allow a transfer student-athlete who is subject to the residence requirement to participate in competition on a foreign tour. *(Adopted: 4/26/17)*

14.5.5.2 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which the student is transferring (except for the return to original institution without participation or with minimal participation exception) and any of the following exceptions is satisfied. During the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement only for transfer students who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for qualifiers (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1) in Division I. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 3/10/04, 5/19/08, 6/24/09)*

14.5.5.2.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to the student's original institution under any of the following conditions:

- (a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program;

- (b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student-athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or
- (c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.

14.5.5.2.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as a bona fide exchange student participating in a formal educational exchange program that is an established requirement of the student-athlete's curriculum. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92)*

14.5.5.2.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major. *(Revised: 4/27/00)*

14.5.5.2.4 International Student Program Exception. The individual is an international student who is required to transfer (one or more times) because of a study program predetermined by the government of the student's nation or the sponsoring educational organization.

14.5.5.2.5 Military Service Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.5.5.2.5.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active military duty may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.5.5.2.6 Discontinued/Non-sponsored Sport Exception. In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred: *(Revised: 3/10/04, 10/4/17)*

- (a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped (or has publicly announced it will drop) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from its intercollegiate program while the student was in attendance at the institution; or
- (b) The student's original four-year collegiate institution reclassified (or has publicly announced it will reclassify) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from Division I to Division III status while the student was in attendance at the institution, and the student subsequently had not competed in that sport on the Division III level; or
- (c) The student's original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred (see Bylaw 14.5.2) from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport while the student was in attendance.

14.5.5.2.6.1 Original Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately prior to transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport while the student was in attendance. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

14.5.5.2.7 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither engaged in intercollegiate competition nor engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-day period, and has neither practiced with a noncollegiate amateur team nor engaged in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/06)*

14.5.5.2.8 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete at the second institution and does not engage in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). A student may use this exception even if the student has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which the student is transferring. *(Revised: 3/10/04, 1/9/06)*

14.5.5.2.9 Nonrecruited or Nonscholarship Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution and either of the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/9/06, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The student-athlete's previous institution does not provide athletically related financial aid in the sport and the student-athlete was not recruited by the previous institution (per Bylaw 13.02.14.1); or
- (b) The student-athlete's previous institution provides athletically related financial aid in the sport and no athletically related financial aid was received by the student-athlete.

14.5.5.2.10 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all the following conditions are met (for postgraduate students, see Bylaw 14.6.1): *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 1/11/97, 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, 4/26/01, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/27/06 effective 10/15/06, 12/15/06, 4/27/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/22/11, 4/28/21 applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year and thereafter, 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

- (a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception);
- (b) At the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), the student would have been academically eligible had the student remained at the institution from which the student transferred, except that the student is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution;
- (c) The head coach of the certifying institution and the student shall certify that no athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interest communicated or made contact with the student-athlete, or any individual associated with the student (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3); and
- (d) The student must have provided written notification of transfer to the institution during a period specified for the applicable sport in Bylaw 13.1.1.3.1.

14.5.5.2.11 Head Coach Departure Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year institution and the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The student has not previously enrolled as a full-time student in a regular term (semester or quarter) of a collegiate institution (see Bylaw 12.8.1.1); and
- (b) The head coach at the student's previous institution left the institution after the student met a condition affecting transfer status (see Bylaw 14.5.2) and before the start of the next regular academic term (e.g., fall semester).

14.5.5.3 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution who has received a waiver of or qualifies for an exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.5.5.2) shall not be eligible for competition in which the student-athlete's performance could be used for NCAA championship qualification or consideration if the student-athlete participated in competition at the previous four-year institution in the same sport in which the student-athlete's performance could have been used for NCAA championship qualification or consideration. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.5.5.3.1 Receipt of Athletically Related Financial Aid in Year of Transfer -- Tennis. In tennis, in addition to the application of Bylaw 14.5.5.3, a transfer student from a four-year institution who enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the following academic year if the student has received athletically related financial aid during the same academic year from the previous four-year institution. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

14.5.5.4 Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid. A transfer student from a four-year institution may receive institutional athletically related financial aid during the first academic year at the certifying

institution only if the student-athlete would have been academically eligible to compete during the next regular academic term had the student-athlete remained at the previous institution. A student-athlete who transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year institution and then to the certifying institution shall complete at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year institution to be eligible for institutional athletically related financial aid at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

14.5.5.4.1 Exceptions. A four-year transfer student-athlete may receive institutional athletically related financial aid during the first academic year at the certifying institution, provided: (*Adopted: 9/18/07*)

- (a) The student-athlete transferred from a four-year institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport on the intercollegiate level while the student-athlete was in attendance and the student-athlete did not previously transfer from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in the sport; or
- (b) The student-athlete has not participated in intercollegiate competition and has not engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the sport beyond a 14-consecutive-day period.

14.5.5.5 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. (See Bylaw 14.6.1.1 for the application to graduate transfer student-athletes.) (*Adopted: 6/24/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

14.5.5.5.1 Return to Original Institution -- Baseball. In baseball, a midyear four-year college transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8) to the transfer residence requirement is not eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. (*Adopted: 6/24/09*)

14.5.5.5.2 Return to Original Institution -- Basketball. In basketball, a midyear four-year college transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-the original institution exception (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8) to the transfer residence requirement is not subject to the restriction in Bylaw 14.5.5.5. (*Adopted: 6/24/09*)

14.5.6 4-2-4 College Transfers. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution shall complete one academic year of residence at the certifying institution prior to engaging in intercollegiate competition, unless: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 2/16/00, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 3/27/18*)

- (a) The student has completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2), acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year college following transfer from the four-year college most recently attended;
- (b) One calendar year has elapsed since the student's departure from the previous four-year college (one year since the date that the student-athlete takes formal action with the appropriate institutional authorities required for all students to indicate that the student-athlete is leaving the previous four-year institution and no longer will be attending classes); and
- (c) The student has graduated from the two-year college.

14.5.6.1 Exceptions. A "4-2-4" transfer student who does not meet the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.6 is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition if any of the following conditions are met: (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 9/8/07, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12*)

- (a) The student returns to the four-year college from which the student transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution;
- (b) The student initially was enrolled in a four-year collegiate institution that never sponsored the student's sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution (provided the student never had attended any other four-year collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport) and provided the student was a qualifier and satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution during each academic term of attendance with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2), and spent at least two semesters or three quarters of residence at the two-year college (excluding summer sessions); or
- (c) The student qualifies for an exception to the two-year college transfer requirements (see Bylaw 14.5.4.7) and qualifies for the same exception to the four-year college transfer residence requirement (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2).

14.5.6.2 Additional Transferable Degree Credit Requirements for Academic Redshirts and Nonqualifiers.

A student who was not a qualifier shall have satisfactorily completed a minimum of six semesters or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit. Remedial English, math and natural/physical science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. The student may use transferable English, math and natural/physical science credits earned while enrolled at a previous four-year college to meet these requirements. (*Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, Revised: 5/16/18*)

14.5.6.3 Multiple Two-Year Colleges. If a student-athlete has been in residence at two or more two-year colleges following transfer from the four-year collegiate institution most recently attended, all grades and all course credits that are transferable from the two-year colleges to the certifying institution shall be considered in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under Bylaw 14.5.6-(a). In addition, at least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements must be earned at the two-year college that awards the degree. (*Adopted: 3/27/18*)

14.5.6.4 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/13/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12*)

14.5.6.5 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.6, but initially enrolls at a certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. (*Revised: 3/10/04, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08*)

14.5.6.5.1 Return to Original Institution -- Baseball. In baseball, a midyear 4-2-4 transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception [see Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(a)] to the transfer residence requirement is not eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. (*Adopted: 6/24/09*)

14.5.6.5.2 Return to Original Institution -- Basketball. In basketball, a midyear 4-2-4 transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception [see Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(a)] to the transfer residence requirement is not subject to the restriction in Bylaw 14.5.6.5. (*Adopted: 6/24/09*)

14.5.6.6 Calendar-Year Time Lapse. It is not required that the calendar year specified in Bylaw 14.5.6 elapse prior to the student's initial enrollment as a regular student in the second four-year institution, but the calendar year must elapse before the student represents the certifying institution in intercollegiate competition. However, the student-athlete shall be eligible on the first day of classes or on the date of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest that falls earlier than the first day of classes in the regular academic term in which the student would become eligible, provided the student has fulfilled the one-academic-year requirement.

14.5.6.7 Transfer Prior to Completion of Requirements. All transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.6, except the calendar-year time-lapse requirement (see Bylaw 14.5.6.6), must be met prior to the student-athlete's transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a student-athlete transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year college and, prior to completing the applicable transfer requirements, transfers to a member institution, the student-athlete shall be subject to the one-year residence requirement, even though during the course of that one-year residence at the certifying institution, the student-athlete may complete the necessary requirements.

14.5.6.8 Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid. A student-athlete who transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year institution and then to the certifying institution shall complete at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year institution to be eligible for institutional athletically related financial aid at the certifying institution. (See Bylaw 14.5.5.4.) (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

14.5.6.9 Submission of Information Necessary to Determine Academic Initial-Eligibility Status. An institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the academic initial-eligibility status of a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete prior to the end of the student-athlete's first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution. If a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete is added to an institution's squad list after the end of the first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution, the institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine academic initial-eligibility status prior to the end of the academic year in which

the student-athlete is added to the squad list. The necessary information may be submitted through official or unofficial transcripts or test-score reports. **[D]** *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10)*

14.5.6.9.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The Committee on Academics shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. *(Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.5.6.10 Waivers. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.10.5.2) shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)*

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which the student-athlete previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 7/31/14)*

14.6.1 Postgraduate Transfer Exceptions. A student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which the student-athlete previously received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student-athlete fulfills the conditions of an exception for transfers from four-year colleges set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2. *(Adopted: 1/8/96 effective 7/31/96, Revised: 4/26/06, 1/5/07 effective 7/31/07, 4/27/11 effective 7/31/11, 7/30/14, 4/19/19, 4/29/20 effective 8/1/20 for a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/20, 4/28/21 applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

14.6.1.1 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a graduate transfer student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception for transfers from four-year colleges may be immediately eligible for competition, provided the student-athlete satisfies all other applicable eligibility requirements. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

14.6.2 International Student Exception. The remaining eligibility of a student who has received a foreign postsecondary degree that is identified as a "baccalaureate" but is not equivalent to a U.S. baccalaureate and who is entering an undergraduate program must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the International-Student Records Committee. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14)*

14.6.3 Eligibility Following Final Term. A student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed (or is eligible as a graduate, per Bylaw 14.6) remains eligible for practice, regular-season competition that occurs after the term and any postseason event that begins within 60 days after the end of the term [including an academic year interim term (e.g., mini-term, J-term)] in which the student completes the requirements for the degree (or graduate eligibility). A student-athlete who attends a quarter-system institution and who graduates at the end of the winter quarter may compete in any postseason event (and preceding regular-season competition) that occurs during the same academic year following the completion of the winter quarter. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 2/1/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/12, 8/21/12, 7/31/14, 3/27/18)*

14.6.4 Disciplinary Suspension. A graduate student who transfers to the certifying institution while disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution before the student may be eligible for competition. *(Adopted: 4/15/14, Revised: 7/31/14)*

14.7 Additional Waivers for Eligibility Requirements. Conditions under which exceptions are permitted or waivers may be granted to specific eligibility requirements in this bylaw are noted in other sections of this bylaw. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

14.7.1 Academic and General Requirements Waivers. The Committee on Academics may waive academic eligibility requirements under the following conditions or circumstances: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) For student-athletes in times of national emergency;

- (b) For member institutions that have instituted a trimester or other accelerated academic program, provided any member institution applying for a waiver shall demonstrate a reasonable need for such waiver. Further, no waiver shall be granted that permits a student-athlete to compete in more than the maximum permissible number of seasons of intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.8). Under the waiver allowed, if a student in an accelerated academic program completes the requirements for a degree before completing eligibility, the student may participate in competition that begins within 90 days after completion of the requirements for the degree; and
- (c) For institutions that have suffered extraordinary personnel losses from one or more of their intercollegiate athletics teams due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.

14.7.2 Residence Requirement Waivers. The Committee for Legislative Relief may waive the one-year residence requirement for student-athletes under the following conditions or circumstances: (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93 effective 1/1/94, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18*)

- (a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for waiver shall be initiated by the member institution from which the student-athlete is transferring and shall be supported by medical recommendations of that institution's team physician and/or the student-athlete's personal physician;
- (b) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution after loss of eligibility due to a violation of the regulation prohibiting pay for participation in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 12.1.2); a violation of recruiting regulations (see Bylaw 13.01.1); or for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division I institution after loss of eligibility due to involvement in a violation of the freshman or transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1, 14.5.4, 14.5.5 and 14.5.6. These requirements may be waived only on a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation;
- (c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution was placed on probation by the NCAA with sanctions that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility (see also Bylaw 13.1.1.3.4); and
- (d) On the recommendation of the Committee on Academics, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution is ineligible for postseason competition, pursuant to the Academic Performance Program, that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete would have been academically eligible had the student-athlete remained at the original institution (see also Bylaw 13.1.1.3.5).

14.8 Academic Performance Program.

14.8.1 Penalties, Rewards and Access to Postseason Competition.

14.8.1.1 Penalties. The Committee on Academics shall notify an institution or team when it fails to satisfy the appropriate academic standards as outlined in the academic performance program. The institution shall then apply the applicable penalty pursuant to the policies of the academic performance program. (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14*)

14.8.1.1.1 Determination of Penalties. The Committee on Academics shall apply multiple levels of analysis when identifying those institutions or teams that fail to satisfy the academic performance program. The Committee on Academics shall publish annually to the Division I membership the standards for determining unsatisfactory performance under the academic performance program. An institution or team may be required to apply penalties for failing to meet the identified review factors, as determined by the committee's policies and procedures. (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 7/31/13, 8/7/14*)

14.8.1.1.2 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of penalties to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. (*Adopted: 6/29/16*)

14.8.1.1.3 Monitoring Period. An institution or team that receives penalties must satisfy the identified review factors, as determined by the committee's policies and procedures, for three consecutive years before it is released from being subject to additional penalties. (*Adopted: 6/29/16*)

14.8.1.2 Access to Postseason Competition. An institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program shall be ineligible for any postseason competition, as specified in the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. (*Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13*)

14.8.1.2.1 Determining Access to Postseason Competition. The Committee on Academics shall apply multiple levels of analysis to identify institutions or teams that are ineligible for postseason competition. The Committee on Academics shall publish annually to the Division I membership the standards for determining ineligibility for postseason competition under the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.1.2.2 Individual Sports. A student-athlete who is a member of an individual sport team (see Bylaw 17.02.18.2) that is ineligible for postseason competition pursuant to Bylaw 14.8.1.2 shall not participate in postseason competition, including NCAA championships, as an individual (see Bylaw 14.4). *(Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13)*

14.8.1.2.3 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of postseason ineligibility to the Committee on Academics, as specified in the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.2 Appeal Procedures. An institution or team subject to penalty (or penalties) due to its failure to satisfy the appropriate standards of the academic performance program may appeal the application of such penalty (or penalties) to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.2.1 Authority and Duties of Committee. The Committee on Academics shall act on appeals from institutions or teams subject to penalty (or penalties) pursuant to the legislation and the standards and procedures of the academic performance program published to the membership on an annual basis. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority unless otherwise specified in this bylaw (see Bylaw 14.8.2.2). *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.3 Establishment and Revision of Academic Performance Policies and Procedures.

14.8.3.1 Amendment of Policies and Procedures. The Committee on Academics may establish or amend the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may review, amend and/or act on any academic performance program policy adopted by the Committee on Academics. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/13, 8/7/14, 11/5/14)*

14.8.3.1.1 Notification to Membership. The Committee on Academics shall notify the membership of any changes to the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

14.8.4 Institutional Staff Member Responsibility – Academic Performance Program. An institutional staff member shall not knowingly submit erroneous material information to the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)*

14.9 Academic Integrity.

14.9.1 General Principle. All institutional staff members and student-athletes are expected to act with honesty and integrity in all academic matters. *(Adopted: 10/27/21)*

14.9.2 Definitions.

14.9.2.1 Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14.9, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether the individual receives compensation for such work. *(Adopted: 10/27/21)*

14.9.2.1.1 Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14.9, a student employee is an institutional staff member if: *(Adopted: 10/27/21)*

- (a) The individual has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes; or
- (b) The individual engages in an academic integrity violation at the direction of a nonstudent employee, a student employee who has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

14.9.3 Pre-Enrollment Academic Integrity. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of an institution's athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not: *(Adopted: 10/27/21)*

- (a) Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; or

- (b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

14.9.4 Post-Enrollment Academic Integrity.

14.9.4.1 Policies and Procedures, Investigation and Adjudication. An institution must: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/27/21)*

- (a) Have written institutional policies and procedures regarding violations or breaches of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity applicable to the general student body, including student-athletes. The policies and procedures must be approved through the institution's normal process for approving such policies and must be kept on file or be accessible on the institution's website; and
- (b) Investigate and adjudicate an alleged violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity in accordance with established policies .

14.9.4.1.1 Expedited Review. An institution may establish a policy that permits an expedited investigation and adjudication of an alleged academic violation by a student-athlete, provided other applicable policies and procedures are observed and the policy for expedited review is approved through the institution's normal process for approving such policies and is approved by the institution's president or chancellor (or designee). Further, the policy that permits an expedited review must be kept on file or must be accessible on the institution's website. *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/27/21)*

14.9.4.2 Prohibited Conduct -- Student-Athlete. A student-athlete shall not be involved in a violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/27/21)*

- (a) Involving the alteration or falsification of a student-athlete's transcript or academic record;
- (b) Involving a current or former institutional staff member or representative of an institution's athletics interests; or
- (c) Without the involvement of a current or former institutional staff member or representative of an institution's athletics interests, that results in:
 - (1) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics and the student-athlete subsequently competes for the institution while ineligible;
 - (2) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to receive financial aid and the student-athlete subsequently receives financial aid while ineligible; or
 - (3) The erroneous awarding of an Academic Progress Rate point.

14.9.4.3 Prohibited Conduct -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests shall not be involved (with or without the knowledge of the student-athlete) in: *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/27/21)*

- (a) A violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity related to a student-athlete;
- (b) The alteration or falsification of a student-athlete's transcript or academic record; or
- (c) The provision of academic assistance or an exception that is not otherwise permissible pursuant to Bylaw 16.3, is not generally available to the institution's students and results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point.

14.9.4.3.1 Application. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that conduct violates an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity, a violation of Bylaw 14.9. 4.3-(c) shall not be cited by the institution or through an enforcement investigation. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that conduct does not violate an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity, the conduct in question may still constitute a violation of Bylaw 14.9. 4.3-(c). *(Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/27/21)*

FIGURE 14-1
Initial Eligibility

How NCAA legislation (Bylaw 14.3) affects student-athletes during their initial year of college attendance.

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Academic Redshirt	Nonqualifier
Academic/tutoring services	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competition	Yes	No	No
Complimentary admissions			
One for self; all regular-season home athletics contests	Yes	Yes	Yes
Four complimentary admissions; home or away contests in the student-athlete's sport	Yes	Yes (home contests only)	No
Conditioning program (including workout apparel)	Yes	Yes	Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer for safety purposes)
Drug-rehabilitation expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes
Financial aid			
Regular term	Yes	Yes	Yes (aid must be based on financial need and may not be from an athletics source)
Summer-orientation program (subject to the conditions of Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Summer school prior to initial year (subject to the conditions of Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Training table	Yes	Yes	No (unless student-athlete pays full cost)
Institutional awards	Yes	Yes	No
Banquets—expenses/meals			
Insurance, athletics medical	Yes	Yes	Yes
Occasional home meal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outside competition (basketball)			
During the season	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)
During remainder of the academic year (other than during the season)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)
Summer after initial academic year	Yes (only in approved summer league)	Yes (only in approved summer league)	Yes (only in approved summer league)

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Academic Redshirt	Nonqualifier
Outside competition (sports other than basketball)			
During the season	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)
During remainder of the academic year (other than during the season)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)
Summer after initial academic year	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tryouts for outside teams	Yes	Yes	Yes
Practice	Yes	Yes (on campus during first term)*	No
Promotional activities that do not involve countable athletically related activities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Promotional activities that involve countable athletically related activities (e.g., midnight madness)	Yes	Yes (on campus during first term)*	No
Promotional materials, inclusion of photos in media guide, game programs, brochures, etc.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rehabilitation expenses (postsurgical) for injury unrelated to athletics participation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Student host	Yes	No	No
Surgical expenses for injury during voluntary workout	Yes	Yes	Yes
Team manager	Yes	No	No
Team travel	Yes	No	No
Training-room facilities (in conjunction with weight-training program)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Weight training	Yes	Yes	Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer for safety purposes)

*Must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit during each applicable regular academic term of the initial year of residence in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of the initial year of residence.

FIGURE 14-2
Academic Integrity Analysis

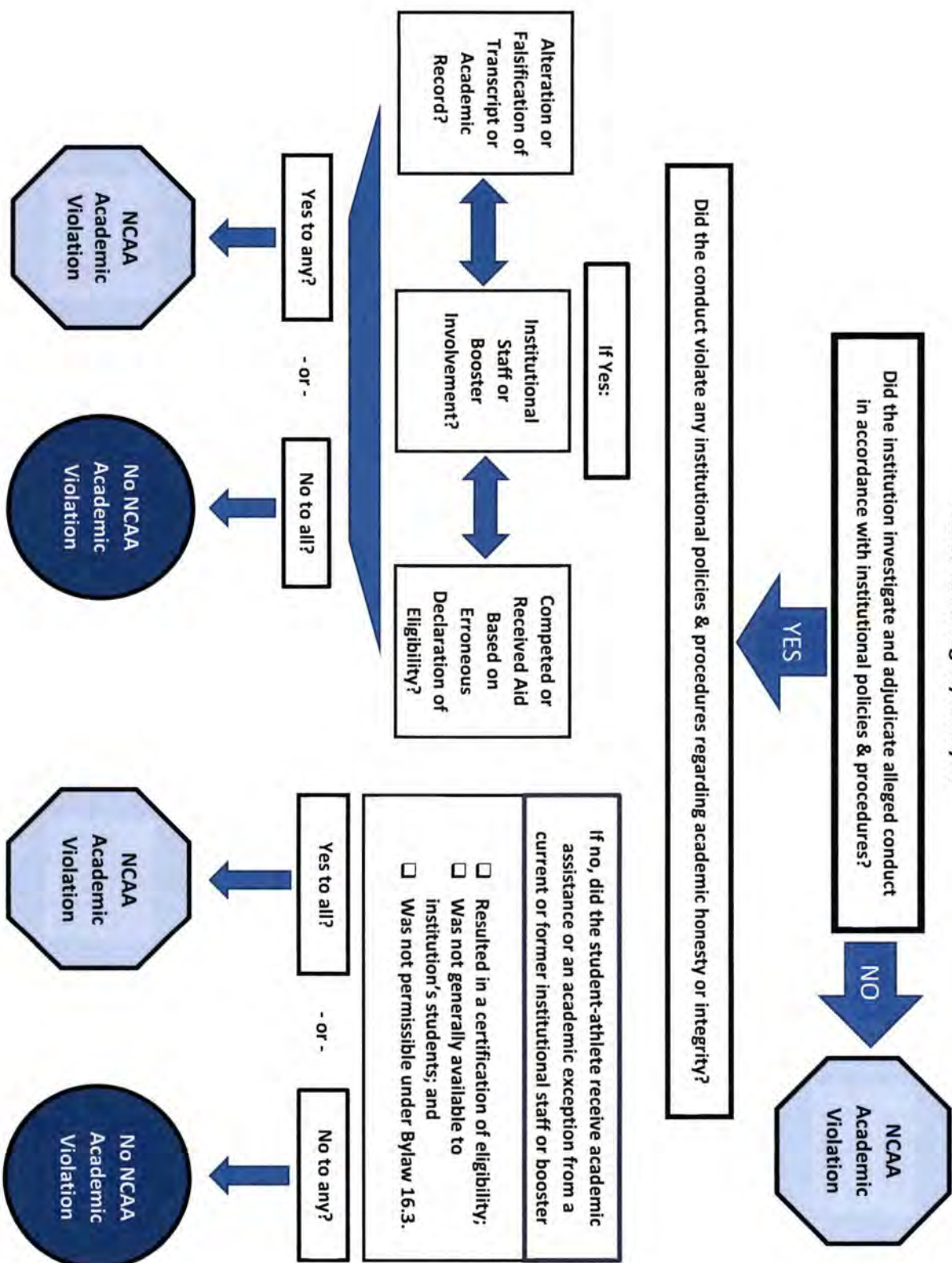


FIGURE 14-3							
New SAT (On or After March 1, 2016) to Old SAT (Before March 1, 2016)							
Concordance Table							
New SAT Total Score	Old SAT Total Score		New SAT Total Score	Old SAT Total Score		New SAT Total Score	Old SAT Total Score
400	400		640	560		880	800
410	410		650	570		890	810
420	410		660	580		900	820
430	420		670	580		910	830
440	430		680	590		920	840
450	430		690	600		930	850
460	440		700	600		940	860
470	450		710	610		950	870
480	450		720	620		960	880
490	460		730	630		970	890
500	470		740	640		980	900
510	470		750	660		990	910
520	480		760	670		1000	920
530	490		770	680		1010	930
540	490		780	690		1020	940
550	500		790	700		1030	950
560	510		800	710		1040	960
570	510		810	720		1050	970
580	520		820	730		1060	980
590	530		830	740		1070	990
600	540		840	750		1080	1000
610	540		850	760		1090	1010
620	550		860	780		1100	1020
630	560		870	790			

[Note: This concordance table was determined by the College Board and is accurate as of May 4, 2018. For the most up to date information, reference the College Board website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/higher-ed/scoringchanges/concordance>]

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 15

Financial Aid

15.01 General Principles.

15.01.1 Institutional Financial Aid Permitted. A student-athlete may receive scholarships or educational grants-in-aid administered by (see Bylaw 15.02.1) an educational institution that do not conflict with the governing legislation of this Association. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) (*Revised: 5/26/09*)

15.01.1.1 Financial Aid to Attend Another Institution. An institution may not provide financial aid to a student-athlete to attend another institution, except as specifically authorized by NCAA legislation. (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)

15.01.1.1.1 Exception – Scholarship to Attend Vocational School. A conference or an institution may provide a scholarship to a student-athlete to attend a vocational school. Such a scholarship may be provided in addition to a full grant-in-aid and shall not be limited. (*Adopted: 8/12/20, Revised: 10/6/21*)

15.01.2 Improper Financial Aid. Any student-athlete who receives financial aid other than that permitted by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics.

15.01.3 Financial Aid Not Administered by Institution. Any student who receives financial aid other than that administered by the student-athlete's institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition, unless it is specifically approved under the Association's rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12) or the aid is: (*Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

- (a) Received from one upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent; or
- (b) Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability; or
- (c) Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.4.

15.01.4 Contributions by Donor. An individual may contribute funds to finance a scholarship or grant-in-aid for a particular sport, but the decision as to how such funds are to be allocated in the sport shall rest exclusively with the institution. It is not permissible for a donor to contribute funds to finance a scholarship or grant-in-aid for a particular student-athlete.

15.01.5 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Aid. A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional financial aid. If these regulations are met, the student-athlete may be awarded institutional financial aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance [was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as defined by the certifying institution during that term (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3 for final term exception, Bylaw 14.2.2.1.4 for final term before experiential learning requirement exception and Bylaw 15.2.8 for summer-term exception)] under the following circumstances: (*Revised: 6/8/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11, 5/16/18*)

- (a) The student-athlete is an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 12.8 (five-year rule); or
- (b) The student-athlete is a graduate student eligible under Bylaw 14.6.

[Note: See Bylaw 14.5.5.4 for financial aid implications related to the academic eligibility of four-year college transfers.]

15.01.5.1 Exception – Part-Time Enrollment After Exhausted Eligibility. An institution may provide financial aid to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in the student-athlete's sport and is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided: (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

- (a) The student-athlete is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete degree requirements; or
- (b) The student-athlete is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete degree requirements that are offered by the institution during that term.

15.01.5.2 Exception – Former Student-Athletes. [A] Institutional financial aid may be awarded to a former student-athlete for any term during which the individual is enrolled (full time or part time). (*Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 8/7/14*)

15.01.5.2.1 Degree-Completion Program – Basketball. [A] An institution that provides athletically related financial aid to basketball student-athletes shall provide, at a minimum, tuition and fees, and course-related books to a former basketball student-athlete who requests financial aid to complete the individual's first baccalaureate degree, provided: (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19*)

- (a) The former student-athlete received athletically related financial aid while previously enrolled at the institution;
- (b) Fewer than 10 years have elapsed since the former student-athlete's departure from the institution;
- (c) The former student-athlete's most recent enrollment as a full-time student occurred at the institution;

- (d) The former student-athlete was previously enrolled as a full-time student at the institution for a minimum of two academic years (four semesters or six quarters);
- (e) The former student-athlete meets all institutional admissions and financial aid requirements;
- (f) The former student-athlete has exhausted other available degree completion funding options (e.g., funds from a professional league or contract); and
- (g) The former student-athlete is in good academic standing at the institution and meets NCAA and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements. This requirement applies to initial and continuing eligibility for degree completion funds.

15.01.5.3 Exception -- Former Student-Athletes. [A] A conference or an institution may provide a post-eligibility scholarship to a former student-athlete to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree at any school. Such a scholarship may be provided in addition to a full grant-in-aid and shall not be limited. *(Adopted: 8/12/20, Revised: 10/6/21)*

15.01.5.4 Effect of Violation of Conference Rule. A violation of Bylaw 15.01.5 that relates only to a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/27/06)*

15.01.6 Maximum Institutional Financial Aid to Individual. [A] An institution shall not award financial aid to a student-athlete that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program at that institution (see Bylaw 15.1), except as specifically authorized by NCAA legislation. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/12/20)*

15.01.6.1 Student Assistance Fund. The receipt of money from the NCAA Student Assistance Fund for student-athletes is not included in determining the permissible amount of financial aid that a member institution may award to a student-athlete. Member institutions and conferences shall not use money received from the fund to finance salaries and benefits; tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books during a regular term (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility; capital improvements; stipends; competition-related travel expenses for student-athletes who are ineligible for competition (e.g., nonqualifier, transfer student-athlete); and outside athletics development opportunities (e.g., participation in a sports camp or clinic, private sports-related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses) for current student-athletes with remaining eligibility. *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07, 2/24/12, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, 10/5/16, 3/28/17)*

15.01.7 Sport-by-Sport Financial Aid Limitations. Division I may establish limitations on the number of financial aid awards a member institution may provide to countable student-athletes (counters) (see Bylaw 15.5).

15.01.8 Additional Financial Aid Limitations. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team(s) that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional financial aid limitations. The Committee on Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances (see Bylaw 14.8). *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.02 Definitions and Applications.

15.02.1 Administered By. Financial aid is administered by an institution if the institution, through its regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, makes the final determination of the student-athlete who is to receive the award and of its value.

15.02.2 Cost of Attendance. The "cost of attendance" is an amount calculated by an institutional financial aid office, using federal regulations, that includes the total cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

15.02.2.1 Calculation of Cost of Attendance. An institution must calculate the cost of attendance for student-athletes in accordance with the cost-of-attendance policies and procedures that are used for students in general. Accordingly, if an institution's policy allows for students' direct and indirect costs (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation, child care, cost related to a disability and miscellaneous personal expenses) to be adjusted on an individual basis from the institution's standard cost figure, it is permissible to make the same adjustment for student-athletes, provided the adjustment is documented and is available on an equitable basis to all students with similar circumstances who request an adjustment. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

15.02.3 Counter. A "counter" is an individual who is receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the aid limitations in a sport.

15.02.3.1 Initial Counter. [FBS/FCS] An "initial counter" is a counter who is receiving countable financial aid in a sport for the first time. (See Bylaw 15.5.6.3 in football for instances in which the institution is permitted to defer the counting of such financial aid until the following academic year.)

15.02.4 Family Member. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

15.02.5 Financial Aid. "Financial aid" is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, "financial aid" includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.) (*Revised: 5/26/09*)

15.02.5.1 Athletically Related Financial Aid. Athletically related financial aid is financial aid that is awarded on any basis that is related to athletics ability, participation or achievement. If an application process specifically requests athletics participation or achievements as criteria for consideration in determining whether an applicant receives financial aid, aid received pursuant to such a process is athletically related financial aid. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

15.02.5.2 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid: (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

(a) All funds administered by the institution, which include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Scholarships;
- (2) Grants;
- (3) Tuition waivers;
- (4) Employee dependent tuition benefits, unless the employee has been employed as a full-time faculty/staff member for a minimum of five years; and
- (5) Loans.

(b) Aid from government or private sources for which the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.

15.02.5.3 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted: (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/17/19*)

- (a) Financial aid received from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent;
- (b) Financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;
- (c) Financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4; and
- (d) Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, which count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and against the individual's maximum limit on financial aid.

15.02.5.4 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations: (*Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 4/25/02, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 7/27/20 effective 8/1/20 for institutional merit-based and need-based awards received by a student-athlete on or after 8/1/20*)

- (a) An institutional need-based grant awarded based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and institutional guidelines. However, such aid is not exempted for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;
- (b) A nondiscretionary institutional merit-based award with no relationship to athletics ability awarded based on documented criteria that apply to all students. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;
- (c) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.7 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete's cost of attendance has been met);
- (d) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.4.1.1;
- (e) Federal government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need [e.g., Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG)], regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient;

- (f) State government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient, provided the aid is administered in accordance with the federal methodology for determining a student's financial need and has no relationship to athletics ability. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;
- (g) State government merit-based grants, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient, provided the aid is awarded consistent with the criteria of Bylaws 15.5.3.2.4.1, 15.5.3.2.4.2 or 15.5.3.2.4.3 and has no relationship to athletics ability. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1; and
- (h) Contributions made by the institution and matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program [see Bylaw 15.2.5.1-(c)].

15.02.5.5 Exempted Government Grants. Government grants listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1 shall not be included when determining the cost of attendance for a student-athlete. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.02.5.6 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant program shall not be included when determining the cost of attendance for a student-athlete. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/17/19)*

15.02.6 Full Grant-in-Aid. [A] A full grant-in-aid is financial aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, books and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance established pursuant to Bylaws 15.02.2 and 15.02.2.1. *(Revised: 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.02.7 Honorary Academic Award/Research Grant. An honorary academic award for outstanding academic achievement or a research grant is an award that meets the following criteria: *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 10/28/04, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

- (a) The award or grant is a standing scholarship award or an established research grant;
- (b) The basis for the award or grant shall be the candidate's academic record at the awarding institution;
- (c) The award or grant shall be determined by competition among the students of a particular class or college of the institution. Competition for the award or grant may include additional objective criteria unrelated to athletics abilities (e.g., gender, race and ethnicity, financial need); and
- (d) The award or grant is included in determining if the student-athlete's cost-of-attendance limitation has been met.

15.02.8 Period of Award. The period of award begins when the student-athlete receives any benefits as a part of the student's grant-in-aid on the first day of classes for a particular academic term, or the first day of practice, whichever is earlier, and continues until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement. The period of award of a multiyear grant-in-aid may include one or more academic years of no athletically related financial aid after the first academic year in which athletically related aid is provided, including the final year of the award (e.g., 50 percent in year one, zero percent in year two, 50 percent in year three; 50 percent in year one, zero percent in year two, zero percent in year three). An athletics grant-in-aid shall not be awarded in excess of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 9/29/15)*

15.02.9 Recruited Student-Athlete. For purposes of Bylaw 15, a recruited student-athlete is a student-athlete who, as a prospective student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/25/18)*

- (a) Was provided an official visit to the institution's campus;
- (b) Had an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with a member of the institution's coaching staff (including a coach's arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members); or
- (c) Was issued a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of athletically related financial aid by the institution for a regular academic term.

15.02.10 Signature. For purposes of Bylaw 15, a signature includes an electronic authorization (e.g., electronic signature). *(Adopted: 3/5/12)*

15.1 Maximum Limit on Financial Aid -- Individual. [A] A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student-athlete receives financial aid that exceeds the value of the cost of attendance as defined in Bylaw 15.02.2. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) and educational expenses awarded per Bylaw 15.2.6.5 up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial

aid up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/26/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14)*

15.1.1 Exception for Pell Grant. [A] A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.1.2 Types of Aid Included in Limit. In determining whether a student-athlete's financial aid exceeds the cost of attendance, all institutional financial aid (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) and all funds received from the following and similar sources shall be included (see Bylaws 15.02.5.4, 15.02.5.5 and 15.02.5.6 for types of financial aid that are exempt from a student-athlete's individual limit): *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/17/19)*

- (a) **Government Grants.** Government grants for educational purposes, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5;
- (b) **Other Scholarships and Grants.** Other outside scholarships or grants-in-aid;
- (c) **Gifts.** The value of gifts given to a student-athlete following completion of eligibility in appreciation for or recognition of the student-athlete's athletics accomplishments;
- (d) **Professional Sports Stipend.** Any bonus or salary (no matter when received or contracted for) from a professional sports organization;
- (e) **Athletics Participation Compensation.** Any other income (no matter when received or contracted for) from participation in an athletics event (except funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program) unless eligibility has been exhausted in that sport; and
- (f) **Loans.** Loans, except legitimate loans that are based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students.

15.1.3 Reduction When Excess Aid Is Awarded. In the event that a student-athlete's financial aid from the sources listed in Bylaw 15.1.2, which includes institutional financial aid, will exceed the cost of attendance for the balance of the academic year, the institution shall reduce institutional financial aid so as not to exceed the cost of attendance. Payments credited to a student-athlete's account that are not refundable by the institution to the scholarship office or other appropriate institutional agency shall not become the student's obligation. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.2 Elements of Financial Aid.

15.2.1 Tuition and Fees. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the actual cost of tuition and required institutional fees.

15.2.1.1 Permissible Fees. A student-athlete may be awarded financial aid that covers the payment of fees for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled, if the course is part of the institution's regular curriculum (included in the institution's catalog of classes), and the institution pays these same fees for other students enrolled in the course who receive fees as a part of a grant-in-aid or scholarship.

15.2.1.2 Optional Fees. An institution may not pay fees for services offered on an optional basis to the student body in general.

15.2.1.3 Noninstitutional Fees and Expenses. Fees paid by an institution are confined to required institutional fees and do not include noninstitutional fees or expenses (e.g., the cost of typing reports for student-athletes).

15.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the cost of room and board, based on the official allowance for a room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day or the institution's maximum meal plan that is available to all students, whichever is greater. *(Revised: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

15.2.2.1 Room and Board Stipend. An institution may provide the student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official on-campus room allowance, the average of the room costs of all of its students living on campus or the cost of room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. The institution also may provide the student-athlete an amount that is equivalent to the value of the maximum meal plan that is available to all students or the cost of meals as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 11/12/97, 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 8/3/22)*

15.2.2.1.1 Determination of Off-Campus Room Rates. An institution with several official on-campus room rates may use the average of the room cost for all students living on campus (based on a weighted average for all

students who reside in on-campus facilities) or the cost of room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. *(Revised: 11/12/97, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

15.2.2.1.2 Institution With No On-Campus Room and Board Facilities. If an institution does not provide an official dollar amount for room and board and does not have on-campus student room and board facilities, the figure provided to student-athletes for off-campus student room and board shall be the amount determined by the institution's office of financial aid as being commensurate with the average cost a student at that institution normally would incur living and eating in off-campus facilities. *(Revised: 11/12/97)*

15.2.2.1.3 Married Student Housing. Married student-athletes who live in noninstitutional housing are permitted to receive the same room and board allowance that is provided to married students with on-campus housing. If the institution does not provide on-campus room and board facilities for married students but has other on-campus dormitory facilities, it must use the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.2.1 in determining the amount of room-and-board expenses a married student-athlete who lives in noninstitutional facilities may receive. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

15.2.2.1.4 Cost-Free Apartment. It is permissible for the institution to arrange for a cost-free, off-campus apartment rather than to give a student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official room allowance or the cost of a room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, provided the apartment is not rented by the institution at a reduced rate. However, if the actual rental rate is more than the institutional room allowance, the student-athlete shall pay the additional amount from the student-athlete's own resources. *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

15.2.2.2 Facility Designated by Institution. It is permissible for the institution to require a grant-in-aid recipient to obtain room and board in a facility designated by the institution, provided the requirement is contained in the written statement outlining the amount, duration, conditions and terms of the financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.2.2).

15.2.2.3 Food Stamps. A grant-in-aid recipient who lives and eats off campus may use the money provided for board to obtain governmental food stamps, provided the stamps are available to the student body in general. Additionally, the student-athlete must be eligible for such stamps without any special arrangements on the part of athletics department personnel or representatives of the institution's athletics interests.

15.2.3 Books. A member institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers the actual cost of required course-related books. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

15.2.3.1 Dollar Limit. There is no dollar limit for books a student-athlete may receive, provided each book is required for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled. The institution may provide the student-athlete with cash to purchase books, as long as the amount of cash provided is equal to the actual cost of the books purchased. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)*

15.2.4 Other Expenses Related to Attendance. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers other expenses related to attendance in combination with other permissible elements of financial aid (per Bylaw 15.2) up to the cost of attendance (see Bylaws 15.02.2 and 15.1). (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 5/26/09)*

15.2.5 Government Grants. Government grants for educational purposes shall be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance for a student-athlete, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/21/05)*

15.2.5.1 Exempted Government Grants. The following government grants for educational purposes shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance of a student-athlete: *(Adopted: 1/11/89, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 4/28/05, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) **AmeriCorps Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the AmeriCorps Program;
- (b) **Disabled Veterans.** State government awards to disabled veterans;
- (c) **Military Reserve Training Programs.** Payments to student-athletes for participation in military reserve training programs;
- (d) **Montgomery G.I. Bill.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the Montgomery Bill -- Active Duty and the Montgomery G.I. Bill -- Selected Reserve;
- (e) **Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.** Benefits received under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program;

- (f) **Special U.S. Government Entitlement Programs.** Payments by the U.S. government under the terms of the Dependents Education Assistance Program (DEAP), Social Security Insurance Program [including the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS)] or Non-Service-Connected Veteran's Death Pension Program;
- (g) **U.S. Military Annuitant Pay.** United States Military Annuitant Pay or other family member service-related death benefits received by student-athletes from the United States Military.
- (h) **U.S. Navy Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the U.S. Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program (NUPOC);
- (i) **Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP).** Benefits received by student-athletes under the VEAP;
- (j) **Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program; or
- (k) **Welfare Benefits.** Welfare benefits received from a state or federal government.

15.2.6 Financial Aid From Outside Sources.

15.2.6.1 Family Members. A student-athlete may receive financial aid from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent. (*Revised: 4/25/18*)

15.2.6.1.1 Prepaid College Tuition Plans. A state-sponsored or private prepaid college tuition plan, purchased by a family member and paid to an institution on behalf of a student-athlete, is not considered aid from an outside source. Such aid is considered financial aid from someone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent. (*Revised: 6/10/04*)

15.2.6.2 No Relationship to Athletics Ability. A student-athlete may receive financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability.

15.2.6.3 Athletically Related Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program -- Up to \$1,000. A student-athlete may receive up to a total of \$1,000 of athletically related outside financial aid per academic year, without restrictions, through one or more established and continuing programs to aid students. (*Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19*)

15.2.6.4 Athletically Related Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program -- Aid Exceeding \$1,000. Each academic year, after a student-athlete has received \$1,000 of athletically related outside financial aid, the student-athlete may receive additional athletically related outside financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students without the additional aid counting in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided: (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/23/14, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19, 7/2/19 effective 8/1/19*)

- (a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid;
- (b) There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and
- (c) The financial aid is not provided by an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program to an individual who is or has been a member of that team or organization.

If any of the conditions are not satisfied and the student-athlete receives the additional athletically related outside financial aid, the recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum awards limitation of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question.

15.2.6.5 Educational Expenses -- Olympic Committee or National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country). The amount of the financial assistance shall be subject to the following limitations: (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 11/1/00, 10/17/19*)

- (a) Disbursement of the aid shall be through the member institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending that institution;
- (b) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country);
- (c) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.1.2 shall not exceed the value of the individual's maximum limit on financial aid; and
- (d) The recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum awards limitation of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question.

15.2.7 Employment. Earnings from a student-athlete's on- or off-campus employment that occurs at any time is exempt and is not counted in determining a student-athlete's cost of attendance or in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided: *(Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

- (a) The student-athlete's compensation does not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following obtained because of athletics ability;
- (b) The student-athlete is compensated only for work actually performed; and
- (c) The student-athlete is compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services (see Bylaw 12.4).

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92)*

- (a) The student has been in residence a minimum of one term during the regular academic year;
- (b) The student is attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program and financial aid is administered pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8.1.2, 15.2.8.1.3 or 15.2.8.1.4; or
- (c) The student is a two-year or a four-year college transfer student and is receiving aid to attend the awarding institution's summer-orientation program.

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaws 15.02.5.1 and 15.02.5.2) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/26/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.2.8.1.1 Exception for Pell Grant. A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.2.8.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater, *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during any previous academic year at that institution or the student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 11/12/97, 4/26/12, 4/28/16, 1/22/20)*

15.2.8.1.2.1 Attendance During Only One Term of Previous Academic Year. A student-athlete who attended the institution on a full-time basis for only one regular term during the previous academic year may receive financial aid during the following summer term. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/28/16)*

15.2.8.1.2.2 Exception for Nonqualifiers. A nonqualifier may receive athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term or summer school after the first academic year of residence under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/16)*

- (a) The student-athlete has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements and, thus, would be eligible for competition for the succeeding year (the student-athlete must have successfully satisfied the applicable requirements of Bylaw 14.4.3 and be in good academic standing at the institution); and
- (b) The student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the succeeding academic year.

15.2.8.1.3 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Institutional Nonathletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of institutional nonathletics financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student-athlete's initial, full-time collegiate enrollment: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 4/26/01, 3/10/04, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 effective 5/1/05, 3/4/05, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/12, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

- (a) The recipient shall be admitted to the awarding member institution in accordance with regular, published entrance requirements;
- (b) The recipient, if recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.2-(g); and

- (c) During the summer term or orientation period, the recipient shall not engage in any countable athletically related activities except for those activities specifically permitted in Bylaws 13 and 17 (see Bylaws 13.11.3.9, 17.1.1 and 17.1.1.1).

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution -- Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) or student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer prior to initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution: *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 9/6/00, 4/26/01, 6/21/01, 3/10/04, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 effective 5/1/05, 3/14/05, 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/12, 4/26/17, 1/23/20)*

- (a) The recipient shall be admitted to the awarding member institution in accordance with regular, published entrance requirements;
- (b) The recipient is enrolled in a minimum of three hours of academic course work (other than physical education activity courses) that is acceptable degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy the minimum three-hour requirement, provided the course or courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution;
- (c) The recipient, if recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.2-(g), unless admission to the institution as a full-time student is denied;
- (d) During the summer term or orientation period, the recipient shall not engage in any countable athletically related activities except for those activities specifically permitted in Bylaws 13 and 17; and
- (e) Summer coursework is not used for the purpose of completing initial-eligibility, transfer eligibility or progress-toward-degree requirements other than percentage-of-degree requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.2. However, the hours earned during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the applicable progress-toward-degree requirements in following years (see Bylaw 14.4.3).

15.2.8.2 Branch School. An institution may not provide a student-athlete with financial aid to attend a summer session at a branch campus of the institution.

15.3 Terms and Conditions of Awarding Institutional Financial Aid. [A]

15.3.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Financial Aid. [A] Institutional financial aid may be awarded for any term during which a student-athlete is in regular attendance as an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 12.8, or as a graduate eligible under Bylaw 14.6. *(Revised: 10/27/11, 8/7/14)*

15.3.1.1 Applicable Requirements. [A] A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional financial aid (see Bylaws 15.01.5 and 15.01.6). A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 10/27/06, 8/7/14)*

15.3.1.2 Withdrawal From Institution. [A] A student-athlete who withdraws from the institution may not receive financial aid during the remainder of the term. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.1.3 Retroactive Financial Aid. [A] Institutional financial aid awarded to an enrolled student-athlete after the first day of classes in any term may be made retroactive to the beginning of that academic year. *(Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.3.1.4 Institutional Financial Aid to Professional Athlete. [A] It is permissible to award institutional financial aid to a student-athlete who is under contract to or currently receiving compensation from a professional sports organization in the same sport. A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport and may receive institutional financial assistance in the second sport. *(Revised: 8/11/98, 4/26/01, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11, 8/7/14)*

15.3.2 Terms of Institutional Financial Aid Award. [A]

15.3.2.1 Physical Condition of Student-Athlete. [A] Financial aid awarded to a prospective student-athlete may not be conditioned on the recipient reporting in satisfactory physical condition. If a student-athlete has been accepted for admission and awarded financial aid, the institution shall be committed for the term of the original award, even if the student-athlete's physical condition prevents participation in intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.2 Written Statement Requirement. [A] The institutional agency making a financial aid award for a regular academic year or multiple regular academic years shall give the recipient a written statement of the amount, duration,

conditions and terms of the award. The chair of the regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, or the chair's official designee, shall sign or electronically authorize (e.g., electronic signature) the written statement. The signature of the athletics director, attesting to the committee's award, does not satisfy this requirement. *(Revised: 3/10/04, 7/26/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.3 Hearing Opportunity. [A] The institution's regular financial aid authority shall notify the student-athlete in writing of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability is to be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year or years. The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request and shall not delegate the responsibility for conducting the hearing to the university's athletics department or its faculty athletics committee. The written notification of the opportunity for a hearing shall include a copy of the institution's established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/3/07, 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.3.1 Reduction of a Multiyear Award. [A] A reduction of a multiyear award shall occur if the renewal period is for fewer years than the original agreement, unless the renewal includes the remaining years of the student-athlete's eligibility in all sports (e.g., five-year period of eligibility) or if the average amount of aid provided per year in the renewal is less than the average amount of aid provided per year in the original agreement, including any increases during the period of the original award. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.3.2 Athletics Department Staff as Member of Committee. [A] An institution's athletics department staff member may be a member of a committee (other than an athletics department or faculty athletics committee) that conducts hearings related to the nonrenewal or reduction of a student-athlete's financial aid. Under such circumstances, the athletics department staff member must be a standing member of the committee and may not serve as a member of a committee only for a specific student-athlete's hearing. *(Adopted: 4/3/07, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.2.4 Release of Obligation to Provide Athletically Related Financial Aid. [A] Before becoming a counter for an academic year pursuant to a one-year or multiyear grant-in-aid, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that would count toward the team limit if the individual were a counter and that is equal to or greater than the amount of the individual's signed award of athletically related financial aid for the specific academic year, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on the individual's initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid for that academic year. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 6/12/19)*

15.3.3 Period of Institutional Financial Aid Award. [A]

15.3.3.1 Period of Award. [A] If a student's athletics ability is considered in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall neither be awarded for a period less than one academic year nor for a period that would exceed the student's five-year period of eligibility (see Bylaws 12.8 and 15.01.5). One-year grants-in-aid shall be awarded (as set forth in the written statement per Bylaw 15.3.2.2) in equal amounts for each term of the academic year. (See Bylaw 15.02.8.) *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 9/29/15)*

15.3.3.1.1 One-Year Period. [A] An institution may award athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than one academic year only under the following circumstances: *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/9/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 5/19/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16)*

- (a) **Midyear Enrollment.** A student-athlete whose first full-time attendance at the certifying institution during a particular academic year occurs at midyear (e.g., the beginning of the second semester or second or third quarter of an academic year) may receive a financial aid award for the remainder of that academic year.
- (b) **Final Semester/Quarter.** A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year, provided the student is in the final semester or final two quarters of the student's degree program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.
- (c) **Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term.** A student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.
- (d) **One-Time Exception.** One time during a recruited student-athlete's enrollment at the certifying institution the student-athlete may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has

been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term and has not previously received athletically related financial aid from the certifying institution.

- (e) **Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Exception.** At any time during a student-athlete's enrollment at the certifying institution, the student-athlete may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term and was not recruited by the certifying institution.
- (f) **Eligibility Exhausted/Medical Noncounter.** A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.6) in the institution's financial aid limit, or a student-athlete who is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.3) due to an injury or illness may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year. If an institution awards aid under this provision, the institutional financial aid agreement shall include specific nonathletically related conditions (e.g., academic requirements) the student-athlete must satisfy in order for the aid to be renewed for the next academic term or terms. If the student-athlete satisfies the specified conditions, the institution shall award financial aid at the same amount for the next term or terms of the academic year. If the student-athlete does not satisfy the specified conditions, the student-athlete must be provided a hearing opportunity per Bylaw 15.3.2.3.

15.3.3.1.2 Effect of Violation. [A] A violation of Bylaw 15.3.3.1 in which financial aid is awarded for a period of less than one academic year shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. *(Adopted: 10/29/09, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.3.2 Regular Academic Year vs. Summer Term. [A] An institution may award financial aid to a student-athlete for one or more academic years or, pursuant to the exceptions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.3.1.1, part of one academic year. An institution also may award financial aid for a summer term or summer-orientation period, provided the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.8 have been met. *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.3.2.1 Summer Term as Additional Award. [A] It is necessary to make an additional award for a summer term; however, an institution is not required to provide the recipient with a written statement of the amount, duration, conditions or terms of the award. *(Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 7/26/12, 10/9/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.3.3 Undergraduate Four-Year College Transfers. [A] If an undergraduate four-year college transfer student's athletics ability is considered in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall be awarded for a period no less than the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility or until all requirements to receive a baccalaureate degree are completed, whichever occurs earlier. A reduction or cancellation during the period of the award may not be made except as permitted pursuant to Bylaws 15.3.4.2.2 or 15.3.5.1.3. Financial aid may be reduced or canceled based as a result of an institutional (as opposed to athletics department) proceeding (e.g., disciplinary process) that imposes such a penalty. *(Adopted: 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

15.3.4 Reduction or Cancellation During Period of Award. [Note: Bylaw 15.3.4 applies to nonautonomy conferences and institutions that have elected not to apply the more restrictive autonomy provisions found in Bylaw 15.3.5.] *(Revised: 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

15.3.4.1 Increase Permitted. Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07, 8/7/14, 6/19/18 effective 10/15/18)*

- (a) Is rendered ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on the recipient's action or inaction;
- (b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4);
- (c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.5);
- (d) Voluntarily (on the recipient's own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid is reduced or canceled; or
- (e) Provides written notification of transfer (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3) to the institution; however, the student-athlete's financial aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer

is received. If a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer to the institution between regular academic terms (winter break, summer break) the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately.

15.3.4.2.1 Exception -- Undergraduate Four-Year College Transfers. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability awarded to an undergraduate four-year transfer student may only be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: *(Adopted: 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

(a) Transfers to another institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2); or

(b) Loses amateur status and is no longer eligible for intercollegiate competition in the applicable sport (see Bylaw 12.1.2).

15.3.4.2.2 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3 (other than as permitted in Bylaw 15.5.6.4.1). *(Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.3 Nonathletically Related Conditions. An institutional financial aid agreement may include nonathletically related conditions (e.g., compliance with academics policies or standards, compliance with athletics department rules or policies) by which the aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award. *(Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.4 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the financial aid. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.5 Misconduct. An institution may cancel or reduce the financial aid of a student-athlete who is found to have engaged in misconduct by the university's regular student disciplinary authority, even if the loss-of-aid requirement does not apply to the student body in general. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)*

(a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;

(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.2); or

(c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.4.3.1 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.3.2 Decrease Not Permitted. An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal of Institutional Financial Aid. [A] [Note: Bylaws 15.3.5 and 15.3.6 apply to autonomy conferences. They also apply to nonautonomy conferences and institutions that have elected to apply the more restrictive autonomy provisions related to reduction and nonrenewal of institutional financial aid.]

15.3.5.1 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award or reduced or not renewed for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, 6/19/18 effective 10/15/18)*

(a) Is rendered ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on the recipient's action or inaction;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.5.1.3);

- (c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty, as determined by the institution's regular student disciplinary authority;
- (d) Voluntarily (on the recipient's own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid is reduced or canceled;
- (e) Violates a nonathletically related condition outlined in the financial aid agreement or violates a documented institutional rule or policy (e.g., academics policies or standards, athletics department or team rules or policies); or
- (f) Provides written notification of transfer (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3) to the institution; however, the student-athlete's financial aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is received. If a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer to the institution between regular academic terms (winter break, summer break) the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately.

15.3.5.1.1 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. [A] Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3 (other than as permitted in Bylaw 15.5.6.4.1). *(Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.1.2 Exception -- Undergraduate Four-Year College Transfers. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability awarded to an undergraduate four-year transfer student may only be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: *(Adopted: 9/13/22 effective 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

- (a) Transfers to another institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2); or
- (b) Loses amateur status and is no longer eligible for intercollegiate competition in the applicable sport (see Bylaw 12.1.2).

15.3.5.1.3 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. [A] If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.3.5.2 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted -- During the Period of the Award. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

- (a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;
- (b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.5.1); or
- (c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.5.2.1 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. [A] An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.2.2 Decrease Not Permitted. [A] An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.5.1. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.3 Reduction or Nonrenewal Not Permitted -- After the Period of the Award. [A] If a student-athlete receives athletically related financial aid in the academic year of initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, the following factors shall not be considered in the reduction or nonrenewal of such aid for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility: *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

- (a) A student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position);
- (b) An injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition; or
- (c) Any other athletics reason.

15.3.6 Increase Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.3.7 Renewals and Nonrenewals. [A]

15.3.7.1 Institutional Obligation. [A] The renewal of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which it is to be effective. The institution shall promptly notify in writing each student-athlete who received an award the previous academic year and who has eligibility remaining in the sport in which financial aid was awarded the previous academic year (under Bylaw 12.8) whether the grant has been renewed or not renewed for the ensuing academic year. Notification of financial aid renewals and nonrenewals must come from the institution's regular financial aid authority and not from the institution's athletics department. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 8/7/14*)

15.3.7.2 Reconsideration of Nonrenewal. [A] It is permissible for an institution that has notified a student-athlete that the student-athlete will not be provided institutional financial aid for the next academic year subsequently to award financial aid to the student-athlete. (*Revised: 8/7/14*)

15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions: (*Revised: 6/10/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/17/19*)

- (a) **Athletics Aid.** A student-athlete who receives financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the financial aid; or
- (b) **Educational Expenses -- Olympic Committee/National Governing Body.** A student-athlete who receives educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country) per Bylaw 15.2.6.5 shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the aid.

15.5.1.1 Football or Basketball, Varsity Competition. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution and who receives institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.5.2) granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability does not have to be counted until the student-athlete engages in varsity intercollegiate competition (as opposed to freshman, B-team, subvarsity, intramural or club competition) in those sports. (*Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/11/94, 6/20/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

15.5.1.1.1 Exception -- Receipt of Institutional Academic Aid Only. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution and whose only source of institutional financial aid is academic aid based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may compete without counting in the institution's financial aid team limits, provided the student-athlete has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

15.5.1.1.1 Incapacitating Injury or Illness. If an incapacitating injury or illness occurs prior to a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's participation in athletically related activities and results in the student-athlete's inability to compete ever again, the student-athlete shall not be counted within the institution's maximum financial aid award limitations for the current, as well as later, academic years. However, if the incapacitating injury or illness occurs on or after the student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities in the sport, the student-athlete shall be counted in the institution's maximum financial aid limitations for the current academic year but need not be counted in later academic years. (*Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 3/26/04, 9/18/07*)

15.5.1.1.2 Change in Circumstances. If circumstances change and the student-athlete subsequently practices or competes at the institution at which the incapacitating injury or illness occurred, the student-athlete again shall become a counter, and the institution shall be required to count that financial aid under the limitations of this bylaw in the sport in question during each academic year in which the financial aid was received. (*Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01*)

15.5.1.2 Undergraduate Four-Year Transfers. An undergraduate four-year transfer student who receives athletically related financial aid shall be a counter for the period of the award (see Bylaw 15.3.3.3). (*Adopted: 9/13/22 effective 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.*)

15.5.1.2.1 Exceptions. An undergraduate four-year transfer student shall not be considered a counter for the subsequent academic year if: (*Adopted: 9/13/22 effective 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.*)

- (a) The individual becomes medically disqualified pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.3; or

(b) A permissible reason to reduce or cancel aid during the period of the award occurs (see Bylaws 15.3.4.2.1 and 15.3.5.1.2).

15.5.1.3 Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill. A counter who becomes injured or ill to the point that the individual apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not be considered a counter beginning with the academic year following the incapacitating injury or illness. *(Revised: 8/31/22 Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter.)*

15.5.1.4 Aid Not Renewed, Successful Appeal. If an institution does not renew financial aid for a counter in a following year, and a hearing before the institution's regular financial aid authority results in a successful appeal for restoration of aid, the student-athlete shall continue to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletically related financial aid. However, the student-athlete shall not be a counter if the student-athlete receives institutionally arranged or awarded, nonathletically related financial aid available to all students, provided such financial aid was granted or arranged without regard in any degree to athletics ability. If the student-athlete ever participates again in intercollegiate athletics at that institution, the student-athlete will be considered to have been a counter during each year the financial aid was received.

15.5.1.5 Cancellation of Aid. Once an individual becomes a counter in a head-count sport (see Bylaws 15.5.2, 15.5.4, 15.5.5, 15.5.6, 15.5.7 and 15.5.8), the individual normally continues as a counter for the remainder of the academic year. However, if the individual voluntarily withdraws from the team prior to the first day of classes or before the first contest of the season (whichever is earlier) and releases the institution from its obligation to provide financial aid, the individual no longer would be considered a counter (see Bylaws 15.5.2.2 and 15.5.6.4.1).

15.5.1.6 Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having exhausted eligibility in a sport is not a counter in that sport in later academic years following completion of eligibility in the sport. For this provision to be applicable, the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and is not permitted to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport unless the individual has eligibility remaining under the five-year rule. (See Bylaw 15.3.1 for eligibility for financial aid.) *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

15.5.1.6.1 Cross Country/Track and Field. A student-athlete who is awarded athletically related financial aid and who has exhausted eligibility in either cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field, but has eligibility remaining in any of the other sports, is not a counter in the cross country/track and field financial aid limitations, provided the student-athlete subsequently does not practice or compete in any of the sports in which the student-athlete has eligibility remaining during the academic year in which the aid was awarded. *(Adopted: 6/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

15.5.1.7 Student-Athlete Whose Five-Year Period of Eligibility Expires Midyear. In sports in which performance from the nonchampionship and championship segments is considered for NCAA championship qualification or selection, a student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid is not a counter, provided: *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

- (a) The student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility will expire before the NCAA championship in the applicable sport (e.g., end of fall semester); and
- (b) The student-athlete does not compete in the involved sport during that academic year.

15.5.1.8 Aid After Departure of Head Coach. A student-athlete who receives athletically related institutional financial aid in subsequent academic years after the departure of a head coach from the institution is not a counter in a year in which the student-athlete does not participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided: *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/1/19)*

- (a) The student-athlete participated in the applicable sport and received athletically related institutional financial aid during the coach's tenure at the institution; and
- (b) The student-athlete does not participate in the applicable sport beyond the next regular academic year (including completion of the championship season in spring sports) after the departure of the head coach.

15.5.1.8.1 Subsequent Participation. If the student-athlete subsequently participates in the applicable sport at the institution, the student-athlete shall become a counter for all years during which athletically related institutional aid was received. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.1.9 Aid After Student-Athlete Becomes Permanently Ineligible. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after becoming permanently ineligible due to a violation of NCAA regulations (e.g., amateurism legislation) may receive athletics aid during later academic years without counting in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and does not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics again. If circumstances change and the student-athlete practices or competes, the institution is required to count the financial aid

received by the student-athlete during each academic year in which the aid was received (see Bylaw 15.3.1.4). *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

15.5.1.10 Summer-Term Aid. Institutional financial aid received during a summer term is not countable in these limitations and does not make a student-athlete a counter.

15.5.1.10.1 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an individual who receives athletically related financial aid during a summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be an initial and overall counter for the ensuing academic year. (See Bylaws 15.02.3 and 15.5.6.) *(Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 6/7/22)*

15.5.1.11 Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards. An institution may offer more than the maximum number of permissible awards in a sport (per Bylaw 15.5) in anticipation that not all of the offers will be accepted, but the institution shall not exceed the awards limitation in the sport in question.

15.5.1.11.1 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

15.5.1.11.1.1 Application. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for that academic year. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for that academic year or the limit for the next academic year. *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

15.5.1.11.1.2 Exception -- Agreement After One Year. [FBS] A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.1.11.1.3 Exception -- Incapacitating Injury or Illness. [FBS] A prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activities, becomes injured or ill to the point that the individual apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not count toward the institution's annual limit on signings. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17)*

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

15.5.2.1 Maximum Limits. An institution shall be limited in any academic year to the total number of counters (head count) in each of the following sports: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

Women's Gymnastics 12 Women's Tennis 8

Women's Volleyball 12

15.5.2.2 Preseason Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws from the team in a head-count sport other than football or basketball by providing the financial aid to another student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. For this replacement to occur, the counter must withdraw prior to the first day of classes or before the first game of the season, whichever is earlier, and release the institution from its obligation to provide financial aid. The institution may not award the financial aid to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. Further, if the financial aid is canceled before a regular academic term (e.g., preseason practice period), the aid may not be provided to another student-athlete during the ensuing academic term.

15.5.2.3 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfer, official religious mission) from the institution during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.2.4 Midyear Replacement -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) may be provided to another

student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10*)

15.5.2.5 Midyear Graduate Replacement -- Women's Gymnastics and Women's Tennis. In women's gymnastics and women's tennis, the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear with eligibility remaining and who does not return to the institution for the following academic term may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of the academic year. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

15.5.2.6 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. (*Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17*)

15.5.2.7 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. (*Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17*)

15.5.2.8 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete was rendered ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter). (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.

15.5.3.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

15.5.3.1.1 Men's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following men's sports: (*Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08*)

Cross Country/Track and Field	12.6	Swimming and Diving	9.9
Fencing	4.5	Tennis	4.5
Golf	4.5	Volleyball	4.5
Gymnastics	6.3	Water Polo	4.5
Lacrosse	12.6	Wrestling	9.9
Rifle	3.6		
Skiing	6.3		
Soccer	9.9		

15.5.3.1.1.1 Minimum Equivalency Value -- Men's Wrestling. In men's wrestling, an institution shall provide each counter athletically related and other countable financial aid that is equal to or greater than 20 percent of an equivalency. (*Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23 effective for student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any four-year collegiate institution on or after 8/1/23*)

15.5.3.1.1.1.1 Exception -- Need-Based Athletics Aid Only. In men's wrestling, an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not subject to the 20 percent minimum equivalency value per counter. (*Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23 effective for student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any four-year collegiate institution on or after 8/1/23*)

15.5.3.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Final Two Years of Eligibility and Not Previously Aided. An institution may provide less than 20 percent of an equivalency to a student-athlete, provided the student-athlete is in the final two years of eligibility and has not previously received athletically related financial aid in men's wrestling at any collegiate institution. (*Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23 effective for student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any four-year collegiate institution on or after 8/1/23*)

15.5.3.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women's sports: (*Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/94, 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

Acrobatics and Tumbling	14	Rugby	12
Bowling	5	Skiing	7
Cross Country/Track and Field	18	Soccer	14
Equestrian	15	Softball	12
Fencing	5	Swimming and Diving	14
Field Hockey	12	Triathlon	6.5
Golf	6	Water Polo	8
Lacrosse	12	Wrestling	10
Rowing	20		

15.5.3.1.3 Maximum Equivalency Limits -- Institutions That Sponsor Cross Country but Do Not Sponsor Track and Field. There shall be a limit of five on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in men's cross country, if the institution does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field for men. There shall be a limit of six on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in women's cross country, if the institution does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field for women. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

15.5.3.1.4 Midyear Replacement -- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field and Men's Water Polo. In cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo, the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) and has exhausted eligibility but remains enrolled at the institution may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter. The financial aid provided to the second student-athlete does not count toward the team's maximum equivalency limits for the remainder of the academic year. (*Adopted: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20*)

15.5.3.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) to a counter shall be computed as follows: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/20/08, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15*)

- Once a student becomes a counter, the institution shall count all institutional aid (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) received up to the value of a full grant-in-aid. Exempted government grants per Bylaw 15.2.5 and exempted institutional aid per Bylaw 15.02.5.4 specifically are excluded from this computation.
- A fraction shall be created, with the amount received by the student-athlete (up to the value of a full grant-in-aid) as the numerator and the full grant-in-aid value for that student-athlete as the denominator based on the actual cost or average cost of a full grant for all students at that institution.
- The sum of all fractional and maximum awards received by counters shall not exceed the total limit for the sport in question for the academic year as a whole.

15.5.3.2.1 Application to Autonomy Conferences. [A] A member institution of one of the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 shall use a full grant-in-aid in its equivalency computations as defined in Bylaw 15.02.6. The elements of a grant-in-aid are tuition and fees, room and board, books, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution. (*Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15*)

15.5.3.2.2 Application to Other Conferences. A member institution of a conference other than the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 may use a full grant-in-aid in its equivalency computations as defined in Bylaw 15.02.6 or one that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books, subject to the discretion of its conference pursuant to Bylaw 9.2.2.1.2.2. If the institution uses a full grant-in-aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books, financial aid unrelated to athletics ability received by a student-athlete in excess of a full grant-in-aid shall not be included in the equivalency computation. (*Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15*)

15.5.3.2.3 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall apply to equivalency computations: (*Revised: 10/20/08, 1/15/11, 10/18/11, 4/17/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15*)

- (a) An institution may use either the actual cost or average cost of any or all the elements (other than books) of the equivalency calculation, provided the same method is used in both the numerator and denominator for each element. Either method (or different combinations of methods among elements) may be used for each student-athlete on the same team or for separate teams generally.
- (b) In computing equivalencies for tuition and fees, it is not permissible to average the value of in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees to determine an average cost for tuition and fees.
- (c) Books shall count for calculation purposes as \$800 in the denominator. If a student-athlete receives any portion of a book allowance for the academic year, the institution must use \$800 in the denominator and numerator for books, regardless of the actual cost of the books. If a student-athlete is enrolled for less than a full academic year (e.g., one semester, one or two quarters) and receives any portion of a book allowance, the institution must use the amount in the numerator that is proportionate to the number of terms of enrollment (\$400 for semester systems, \$534 or \$267 for quarter systems).

15.5.3.2.4 Exceptions.

15.5.3.2.4.1 Academic Honor Awards – Based on High School Record. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's high school record and awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, are exempt from an institution's equivalency computations, provided the recipient was ranked in the upper 10 percent of the high school graduating class or achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) or a minimum ACT sum score of 105 or a minimum SAT score of 1200 (critical reading and math) for SAT tests taken before March 1, 2016; or a minimum SAT score of 1270 (critical reading and math) for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, based on the concordance determined by the College Board. (*Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 2/2/16*)

15.5.3.2.4.1.1 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall be met: (*Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

- (a) The awards may include additional, nonacademic criteria (e.g., interviews, essays, need analysis), provided the additional criteria are not based on athletics ability, participation or interests, and the awards are consistent with the pattern of all such awards provided to all students;
- (b) No quota of awards shall be designated for student-athletes;
- (c) Athletics participation shall not be required before or after collegiate enrollment;
- (d) No athletics department staff member shall be involved in designating the recipients of such awards; and
- (e) Any additional criteria shall not include athletics ability, participation or interests.

15.5.3.2.4.1.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.4.1) may be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation regardless of whether the recipient qualified for exemption in the initial academic year enrollment, provided: (*Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 3/18/10*)

- (a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and
- (b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.4.2 Academic Honor Awards – Transfer Students. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, either based solely on the recipient's cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended or based on the recipient's high school record and cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may be exempted from a team's equivalency computation, provided the recipient achieved a cumulative transferable grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000). (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

15.5.3.2.4.2.1 Calculation of Grade-Point Average. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the grade-point average for meeting this exception, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable-degree credit. (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10*)

15.5.3.2.4.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.4.2) may be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation, provided: (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

- (a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and
- (b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.4.3 Institutional Academic Scholarships. Institutional academic scholarships that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation, provided the recipient has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

15.5.3.2.4.4 Academic Study Abroad Exception. All countable financial aid of a student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study-abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 is exempt from an institution's equivalency computation. Countable financial aid in an amount equal to the countable financial aid provided to the participating student-athlete may be provided to a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team for the term or terms of participation in the study-abroad program. (*Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17*)

15.5.3.2.4.5 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Exception. All countable financial aid of a student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 is exempt from an institution's equivalency computation. Countable financial aid in an amount equal to the countable financial aid provided to the participating student-athlete may be provided to a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team for the term or terms of participation in the internship or cooperative educational work experience program. (*Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17*)

15.5.3.2.5 Cancellation of Athletically Related Aid. If a student-athlete is dismissed from or voluntarily withdraws from a team and the student-athlete's athletically related financial aid is canceled (see Bylaws 15.3.2.3, 15.3.4.2 and 15.3.5.1) during an academic term, all other countable financial aid the student-athlete receives during the remainder of the term is countable toward the student-athlete's equivalency for the academic year; however, the institution is not required to count other countable financial aid toward the student-athlete's equivalency during any remaining terms of the academic year. If a student-athlete is dismissed from or voluntarily withdraws from a team and the student-athlete's athletically related financial aid is canceled at the end of an academic term, the institution is not required to count other countable financial aid toward the student-athlete's equivalency during any remaining terms of the academic year. (*Adopted: 12/13/05*)

15.5.4 Baseball Limitations. There shall be an annual limit of 11.7 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters and an annual limit of 27 on the total number of counters in baseball. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08*)

15.5.4.1 Minimum Equivalency Value. An institution shall provide each counter athletically related and other countable financial aid that is equal to or greater than 25 percent of an equivalency. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08 for student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any four-year collegiate institution on or after 8/1/08, Revised: 8/9/07*)

15.5.4.1.1 Exception – Need-Based Athletics Aid Only. In baseball, an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not subject to the 25 percent minimum equivalency value per counter. (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08*)

15.5.4.1.2 Exception – Final Year of Eligibility and Not Previously Aided. An institution may provide less than 25 percent of an equivalency to a student-athlete, provided the student-athlete is in the final year of eligibility and has not previously received athletically related financial aid in baseball at any collegiate institution. (*Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 8/20/12*)

15.5.4.2 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. (*Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17*)

15.5.4.3 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.4.4 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfer, official religious mission) from the institution during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.5 Basketball Limitations.

15.5.5.1 Men's Basketball. There shall be a limit of 13 on the total number of counters in men's basketball at each institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

15.5.5.1.1 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.1.2 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.2 Women's Basketball. There shall be an annual limit of 15 on the total number of counters in women's basketball at each institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/93, 1/16/93)*

15.5.5.2.1 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.2.2 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.5.3 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfer, official religious mission) from the institution during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.5.4 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete was rendered ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter). *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6 Football Limitations. [FBS/FCS]

15.5.6.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] There shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1) and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 12/15/06)*

15.5.6.2 Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] There shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1), an annual limit of 63 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters, and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each Football Championship Subdivision institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 12/15/06)*

15.5.6.2.1 Exception -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] Championship subdivision football programs that meet the following criteria are exempt from the championship subdivision football counter and initial-counter requirements of Bylaws 15.5.1 and 15.5.6, regardless of multisport student-athletes who receive athletics aid in a sport other than football: *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 12/15/06)*

- (a) In football, the institution awards financial aid only to student-athletes who demonstrate financial need, except loans, academic honor awards, nonathletics achievement awards, or certain aid from outside sources may be provided without regard to financial need;

- (b) The institution uses methodologies for analyzing need that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines. The methodologies used to determine the need of a student-athlete must be consistent with the methodologies used by the institution's financial aid office for all students; and
- (c) The composition of the financial aid package offered to football student-athletes is consistent with the policy established for offering financial assistance to all students. The financial aid packages for football student-athletes also shall meet the following criteria:
 - (1) The institution shall not consider athletics ability as a criterion in the formulation of any football student-athlete's financial aid package; and
 - (2) The procedures used to award financial aid to football student-athletes must be the same as the existing financial aid procedures used for all students at the institution.

15.5.6.3 Initial Counters – Football (Also see Bylaw 15.02.3.1). [FBS/FCS]

15.5.6.3.1 Recruited Student-Athlete Entering in Fall Term, Aided in First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution who enters in the fall term and receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) during the first academic year of residence shall be an initial counter for that year in football. Therefore, such aid shall not be awarded if the institution has reached its limit on the number of initial counters prior to the award of institutional financial aid to the student-athlete. (*Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

15.5.6.3.2 Recruited Student-Athlete Entering After Fall Term, Aided in First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) by the awarding institution who enters after the first term of the academic year and immediately receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) shall be an initial counter for either the current academic year (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or the next academic year. The student-athlete shall be included in the institution's total counter limit during the academic year in which the aid was first received. (*Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

15.5.6.3.3 Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid During First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) by the institution who receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) after beginning football practice during the first year of enrollment becomes a counter but need not be counted as an initial counter until the next academic year if the institution has reached its initial limit for the year in question. However, the student-athlete shall be considered in the total counter limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received. (*Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

15.5.6.3.4 Midyear Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) may be replaced by an initial counter, who shall be counted against the initial limit either for the year in which the aid is awarded (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or for the following academic year, or by a student-athlete who was an initial counter in a previous academic year and is returning to the institution after time spent on active duty in the armed services or on an official religious mission. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year to the maximum number of overall counters (85 total counters). In championship subdivision football, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year that equals the maximum number of overall equivalencies or overall counters. (*Revised: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 6/8/99, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 8/2/05, 12/15/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/2/10, 1/15/11*)

15.5.6.3.5 Aid First Awarded After First Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year may receive athletically related financial aid for the first time without such aid counting as an initial award, provided the aid falls within the overall grant limitation. (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

15.5.6.3.6 Recruited Student-Athlete, Varsity Competition. [FBS/FCS] In accordance with Bylaw 15.5.1.1, a recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.9) receiving institutional financial aid having been granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability becomes an initial counter in the first academic year in which the student-athlete competes on the varsity level. (See Bylaw 15.5.1.1.) (*Revised: 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

15.5.6.3.7 Returning Two-Year Transfer. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who previously was an initial counter and who transferred to a two-year college shall not be an initial counter upon return to the original institution.

15.5.6.3.8 Delayed Initial Counter Who Does Not Return to School. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who receives countable financial aid but whose status as an initial counter under this bylaw is delayed until the following

academic year shall be counted against the initial limit the following academic year, regardless of whether the student-athlete reports for participation or attends the institution in that academic year.

15.5.6.3.9 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team may replace a counter who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 for the term or terms of participation without being counted as an initial counter. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.3.10 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team may replace a counter who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 for the term or terms of participation without being counted as an initial counter. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4 Exceptions. [FBS/FCS]

15.5.6.4.1 Preseason Voluntary Withdrawal. [FBS/FCS] An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws from the football team by providing the financial aid to another student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the football squad. For this replacement to occur, the counter must withdraw prior to the first day of classes or the first game of the season, whichever is earlier, and provide the institution with a signed statement releasing the institution from its obligation to provide institutional financial aid and verifying the voluntary nature of the withdrawal. The institution may immediately (beginning with the fall term) award the financial aid to a student-athlete who has been a member of the team for at least one academic year and has not previously received athletically related financial aid. A student-athlete who has not been a member of the team for at least one academic year may not receive the financial aid during the fall term, but may receive it in an ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter quarter). *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

15.5.6.4.2 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. [FBS/FCS] An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfer, official religious mission) from the institution during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. The departing student-athlete's aid may be canceled upon the institution's receipt of a signed statement from the student-athlete releasing the institution from its obligation to provide institutional financial aid and verifying the voluntary nature of the withdrawal. If such a statement is received, a hearing opportunity (per Bylaw 15.3.2.3) is not required. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.6.4.3 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. [FBS/FCS] An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete was rendered ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter). *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4.4 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4.5 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.6.4.6 Sprint Football. [FBS/FCS] Participants in sprint football programs who do not participate in the institution's regular varsity intercollegiate program shall not be counted in the institution's financial aid limitations.

15.5.7 Ice Hockey Limitations. There shall be an annual limit of 18 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters and an annual limit of 30 on the total number of counters in ice hockey at each institution. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

15.5.7.1 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.7.2 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw

12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.7.3 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfer, official religious mission) from the institution during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.8 Women's Beach Volleyball Limitations.

15.5.8.1 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Beach Volleyball and Women's Volleyball. If an institution sponsors women's beach volleyball and women's volleyball, there shall be an annual limit of six on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and an annual limit of 14 on the total number of counters in women's beach volleyball. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.8.2 Institutions That Sponsor Women's Beach Volleyball but Do Not Sponsor Women's Volleyball. If an institution does not sponsor women's volleyball, there shall be an annual limit of eight on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) provided to counters and an annual limit of 14 on the total number of counters in women's beach volleyball. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.8.3 Academic Study Abroad Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time study abroad program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.3 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.8.4 Internship or Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program Replacement. A student-athlete who is participating in a full-time internship or cooperative educational work experience program pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.1.4 may be replaced as a counter for the term or terms of participation by a student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. *(Adopted: 1/19/17 effective 8/1/17)*

15.5.8.5 Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfer, official religious mission) from the institution during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, beginning with the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, winter or spring quarter) without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

15.5.9 Multisport Participants.

15.5.9.1 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a counter who was recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who participates (practices or competes) in football and one or more sports (including basketball) shall be counted in football. A counter who was not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who competes in football and one or more sports (including basketball) shall be counted in football. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.9.1.1 Initial Counter. [FBS/FCS] A counter who previously has not been counted in football shall be considered an initial counter even though the student-athlete already has received countable financial aid in another sport.

15.5.9.1.2 Championship Subdivision Football Exception. [FCS] A counter who practices or competes in football at a Football Championship Subdivision institution that elects to use the football counter and initial-counter exception set forth in Bylaw 15.5.6.2.1 and who practices or competes in another sport and receives countable financial aid in another sport shall be counted in the institution's financial aid limitations in the other sport. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 12/15/06)*

15.5.9.2 Basketball. A counter who practices or competes in basketball and one or more other sports (other than football) shall be counted in basketball.

15.5.9.3 Men's Ice Hockey. A counter who practices or competes in men's ice hockey and one or more other sports (other than football or basketball) shall be counted in men's ice hockey. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

15.5.9.4 Men's Swimming and Diving/Men's Water Polo. A counter who practices or competes in both men's swimming and diving and men's water polo shall be counted in men's swimming and diving, unless the individual counts in football or basketball.

15.5.9.5 Women's Volleyball. A counter who practices or competes in women's volleyball and one or more other sports (other than basketball) shall be counted in women's volleyball.

15.5.9.5.1 Participation in Women's Volleyball in Second Year of Enrollment After Counter Status in Women's Beach Volleyball in First Year of Enrollment. A student-athlete who was a counter in women's beach volleyball during the student-athlete's initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participates (practices and competes) in women's volleyball during the student-athlete's second year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter in women's volleyball for the student-athlete's initial year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

15.5.9.6 Two-Year Exception. If an individual has participated in a sport other than basketball or women's volleyball for two years or more since the individual's initial collegiate enrollment and would be involved only in basketball or women's volleyball practice sessions, such a student would not become a counter in those sports until the student actually competes as a member of the institution's intercollegiate team, at either the varsity or junior varsity level. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

15.5.9.7 Other Sports. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a counter who participates in two or more sports shall be counted in one of the sports but shall not be counted in the others.

15.5.9.7.1 Requirement to Qualify as Multisport Athlete. To be considered a multisport athlete under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements: *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

- (a) The individual shall report and participate fully in regularly organized practice with each squad;
- (b) The individual shall participate where qualified in actual competition in each sport;
- (c) The individual shall be a member of each squad for the entire playing and practice season; and
- (d) If a recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.9), the individual shall have been earnestly recruited to participate in the sport in which financial aid is counted (the institution recruiting the student-athlete shall have a reasonable basis to believe that the student-athlete is capable of participating in the institution's varsity intercollegiate program in that sport, including documentation of a record of previous participation in organized competition in the sport that supports the student-athlete's potential to participate in that sport in varsity intercollegiate competition).

15.5.10 Changes in Participation. If a student-athlete changes sports during an academic year, the student-athlete's financial aid shall be counted in the maximum limitations for the first sport for the remainder of the academic year. If the student-athlete continues to receive financial aid, the award shall be counted the next academic year against the maximum limitations in the second sport. A student-athlete shall be counted as an initial counter in football during the year in which the student-athlete first becomes countable in that sport, regardless of whether countable financial aid was received previously for another sport. *(Revised: 4/3/02)*

15.5.11 Squad List.

15.5.11.1 Eligibility Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be included on the institution's squad-list form. **[D]**

15.5.11.2 Squad-List Form. The institution shall compile a list of the squad members in each sport on the first day of competition and shall indicate thereon the status of each member in the categories listed (see Bylaw 12.10.2). **[D]** *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 8/7/14)*

15.5.11.2.1 Procedures. The following procedures shall be used for the squad list: **[D]** *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 7/30/10, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

- (a) The form shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of another member institution, the NCAA, and, if the institution is a member of a conference, an authorized representative of the conference;
- (b) A supplementary form may be filed to add names of persons not initially on the squad or to indicate a change of status;
- (c) A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form to qualify to represent the institution in intercollegiate athletics; and
- (d) The athletics director (or designee, who may not be a coaching staff member) shall sign the form for each sport. The head coach in each sport shall sign the form for the applicable sport.

15.5.11.3 Drug-Testing Consent-Form Requirement. Any student-athlete who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution's squad-list form, and any student-athlete who is included on the squad-list form must have signed a drug-testing consent form pursuant to Bylaw 12.7.3. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*

15.5.11.3.1 Exception – 14-Day Grace Period. An institution is not required to place a student-athlete who is trying out for a team on the squad-list form for 14 days from the first date the student engages in countable athletically related activities or until the institution's first competition, whichever occurs earlier. (*Adopted: 4/28/05*)

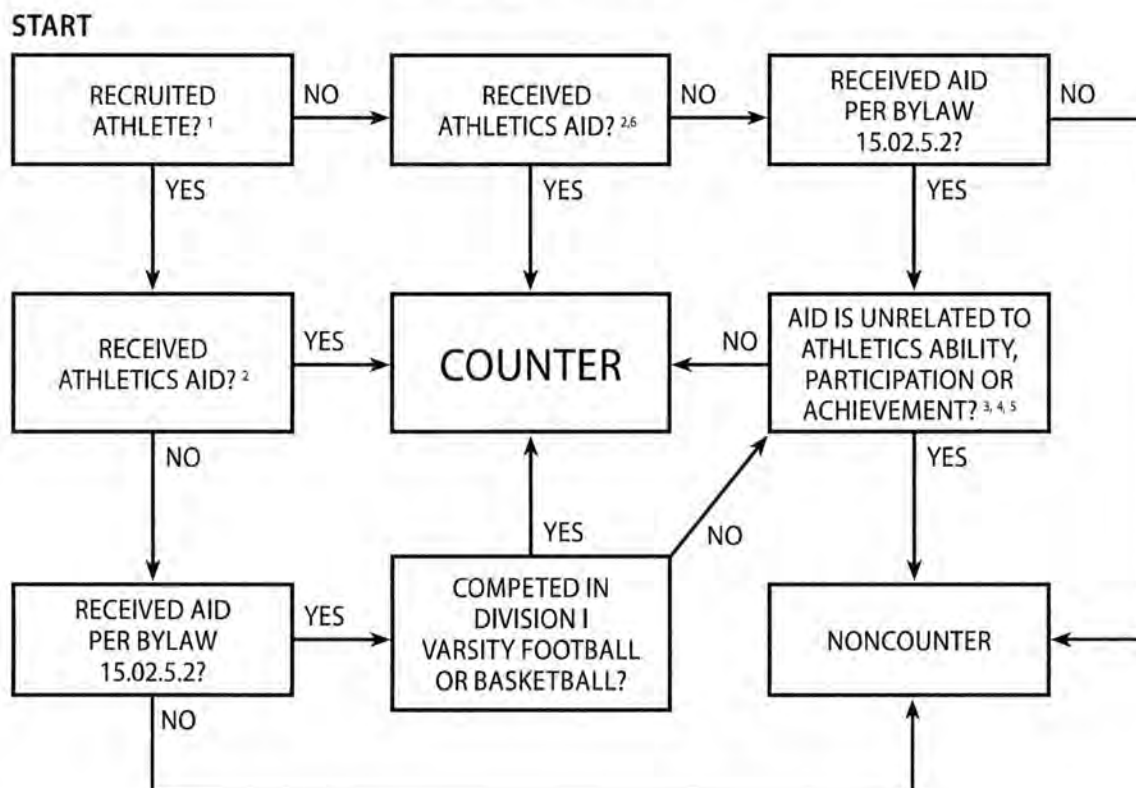
FIGURE 15-1
Financial Aid Limitations

Note: The individual financial aid limitation applies to all student-athletes. Only aid received by a counter must be certified to determine whether the aid is countable against the team financial aid limitation. A counter is a student-athlete who receives institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics, athletically related aid from a continuing and established program exceeding \$1,000 that does not meet the legislated criteria, educational expenses from an Olympic committee or national governing body, or for recruited football or basketball student-athletes who compete in varsity competition, any form of institutional or institutionally administered financial aid (e.g., institutionally administered government grants) unless otherwise exempt. See Figure 15-2.

	Citation	Individual Limitation¹	Team Limitation²
Institutional Athletics Aid			
Aid based on athletics ability	15.02.5.1 15.02.5.2-(a) 15.1.2	Yes	Yes ⁴
Summer school financial aid	15.2.8	Yes ³	No
Student Assistance Fund	15.01.6.1	No	No
Postgraduate Scholarship	15.02.5.4-(d)	Yes	No
Institutional Awards, Nonathletic			
Aid Based Solely Upon Financial Need	15.02.5.4-(a)	Yes	No
Academic Honor Awards	15.5.3.2.4.1 15.5.3.2.4.2	Yes	No
Based on high school record (and renewal)		Yes	No
Transfer students (and renewal)	15.5.3.2.4.3	Yes	No
Institutional Academic Scholarships	15.02.5.4-(b)	Yes	No
Based on record at the institution		Yes	No
Academic award, nondiscretionary	15.02.5.4-(c)	Yes	No
Research grants and honorary academic awards	15.02.7	Yes	No
Employee Tuition Benefit or Tuition Waiver	15.02.5.2-(a)	Yes	No ⁵
Other forms of institutional financial aid (e.g., leadership and community service awards)	15.02.5.2-(a)	Yes	Yes
Outside Scholarship Programs			
Outside aid for educational purposes, unrelated to athletics ability	15.2.6.2	Yes	No
Outside aid for educational purposes, related to athletics ability - up to \$1,000	15.2.6.3	Yes	No

Outside aid for educational purposes, related to athletic ability – exceeds \$1,000, meets criteria	15.2.6.4	Yes	No
Outside aid for educational purposes, related to athletics ability – exceeds \$1,000 and does not meet criteria	15.2.6.4	Yes	Yes ⁴
State and Federal Awards and Benefits			
Government grants, institutionally administered, unspecified	15.02.5.2-(b) 15.1.2-(a)	Yes	Yes
Government grants, institutionally administered, specified	15.02.5.4	Yes	No
Government grants, not institutionally administered, specified	15.02.5.5 15.2.5.1	No	No
Government grants, not institutionally administered, unspecified and unrelated to athletics	15.1.2-(a) 15.2.5	Yes	No
Pell Grant	15.1.1 15.2.5	Yes ⁶	No
Loans and Educational Savings Accounts			
Parent/guardian contribution	15.2.6.1	No	No
Loan, legitimate, repayment schedule	15.1.2-(f)	No	No
Compensation			
Educational Expenses—USOC or NGB	15.2.6.5 15.5.1-(b)	Yes	Yes ⁴
Operation Gold Grant	15.02.5.6	No	No
¹ The value of the cost of attendance as defined by Bylaw 15.02.2. See also Bylaw 15.1. ² See Bylaw 15.5 for the team financial aid limitation of a particular sport. ³ The individual limitation for the applicable summer term only. ⁴ Results in counter status. All other aid received by the recipient must be evaluated to determine whether the award is countable toward team financial aid limits. See also Bylaw 15.5.1.1. ⁵ Exempt if the student-athlete's parent or guardian has been employed as a full-time employee or staff member by the institution for at least five years. ⁶ Pell recipients may receive financial aid equivalent to cost of attendance or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater. ⁷ Compensation for athletics performance (i.e., pay-for-play) renders a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate competition.			

FIGURE 15-2
How to Determine a Counter



1. Per Bylaw 15.02.9.
2. In football, an individual who receives athletically related financial aid during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be an initial and overall counter for the ensuing academic year (Bylaw 15.5.1.9.1).
3. Recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.9) who is a varsity football or basketball team member but does not compete: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability (Bylaw 15.5.1.1).
4. Recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.9) participating in sport other than football or basketball: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability.
5. Nonrecruited student-athlete (see Bylaw 15.02.9) participating in any sport: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability.
6. Includes athletically related financial aid from an established and continuing program that exceeds \$1,000 and does not meet the criteria outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.4, and educational expenses from an Olympic committee or national governing body (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5).

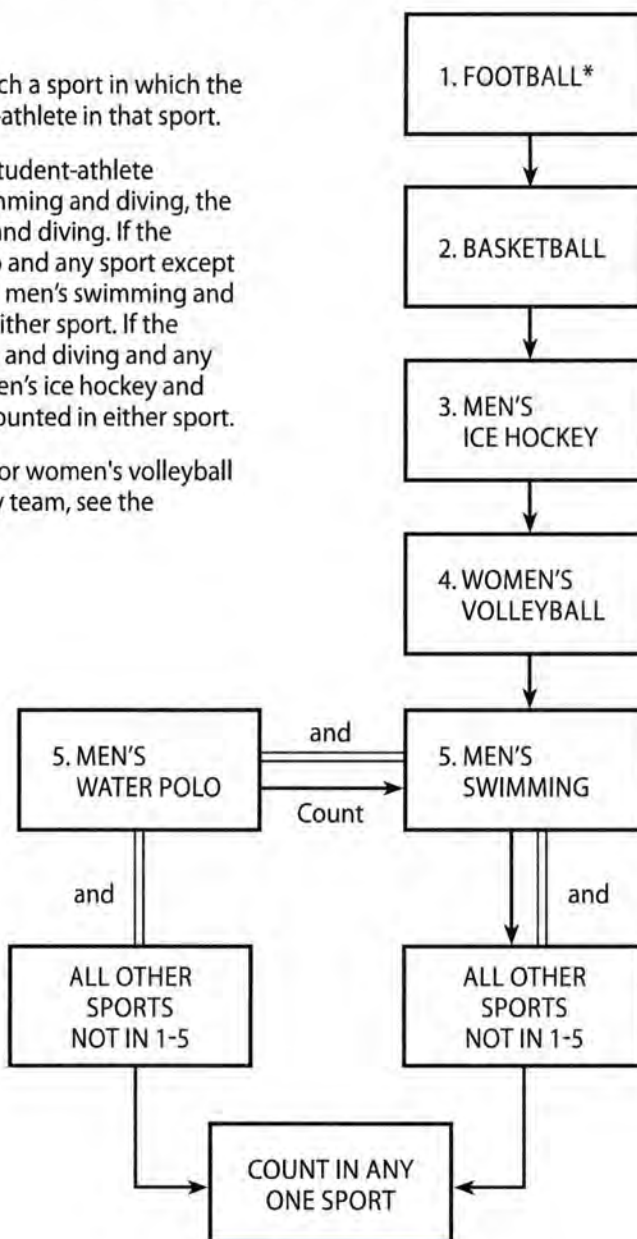
FIGURE 15-3
Where To Count Student-Athletes Who Participate
in More Than One Intercollegiate Sport

DIRECTIONS:

Start at 1, football, and keep going until you reach a sport in which the student-athlete participates. Count the student-athlete in that sport.

Note the alternatives for men's water polo. If a student-athlete participates in men's water polo and men's swimming and diving, the student-athlete is counted in men's swimming and diving. If the student-athlete participates in men's water polo and any sport except football, men's basketball, men's ice hockey and men's swimming and diving, the student-athlete may be counted in either sport. If the student-athlete participates in men's swimming and diving and any other sport except football, men's basketball, men's ice hockey and men's water polo, the student-athlete may be counted in either sport.

For student-athletes who practice in basketball or women's volleyball but do not compete on a junior varsity or varsity team, see the two-year exception in Bylaw 15.5.9.6.



*In football, a counter who was not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.9) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who competes in football and one or more sports (including basketball) must be counted in football (see Bylaw 15.5.9.1).

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 16

Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes

16.01 General Principles. [A]

16.01.1 Application of Bylaw 16 to Specific and Limited Extenuating Circumstances. [A] For specific and limited extenuating circumstances, an institution is authorized to provide benefits and expenses for a student-athlete's personal health, safety and well-being. An institution should collaborate with applicable institutional financial aid, medical, legal and risk management personnel to determine how to best address individual student-athlete needs and corresponding institutional considerations. *(Adopted: 8/3/22)*

16.01.2 Eligibility Effect of Violation. [A] A student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. Receipt by a student-athlete of an award, benefit or expense allowance not authorized by NCAA legislation renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics competition in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received. If the student-athlete receives an extra benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation, the individual is ineligible in all sports.

16.01.2.1 Restitution for Receipt of Impermissible Benefits. [A] Unless otherwise noted, for violations of Bylaw 16 in which the value of the benefit is \$200 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned upon the student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of the student-athlete's choice. The student-athlete, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the student-athlete repays the benefit. For violations of Bylaw 16 in which there is no monetary value to the benefit, violations shall be considered institutional violations per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/19/18)*

16.02 Definitions and Applications. [A]

16.02.1 Award. [A] An award is an item given in recognition of athletics participation or performance. Such awards are subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 16.1.

16.02.2 Excessive Expense. [A] An excessive expense is one not specifically authorized under regulations of the Association concerning awards, benefits and expenses.

16.02.3 Extra Benefit. [A] An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete family member or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their family members or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

16.02.4 Family Member. [A] For purposes of Bylaw 16, a family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to a student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

16.02.5 Pay. [A] Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by governing legislation of the Association for participation in athletics. (See Bylaw 12.1.2.1 for explanation of forms of pay prohibited under the Association's amateur-status regulations.)

16.02.6 Significant Other. [A] A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. *(Adopted: 1/19/18)*

16.1 Awards. [A]

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation. [A]

16.1.1.1 Awards Received for Participation While not Representing the Institution. [A] Awards received by an individual for participation in competition while not representing the institution shall conform to the rules of the amateur sports organization that governs the competition, but may not include cash (or cash equivalents) that exceeds actual and necessary expenses (see Bylaw 12.1.2.4). *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.1.1.2 Awards Received for Participation While Representing the Institution. [A] The awards limitations of Bylaw 16.1 apply to awards received by a student-athlete for participation in competition while representing the student-athlete's institution. Such awards may not include cash or cash equivalents, gift certificates or gift cards that are redeemable for cash (original amount or any balance thereof), or a country club or sports club membership. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/28/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.1.2 Uniformity of Awards. [A] Awards presented by a member institution, conference or other approved agency must be uniform for all team members receiving the award. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.3 Transfer of Nonpermissible Award. [A] Cash or any other award that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency (e.g., a collegiate institution). *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.4 Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards. [A] Athletics awards given to individual student-athletes shall be limited to those approved or administered by the member institution, its conference or an approved agency as specified in the following subsections and shall be limited in value and number as specified in this section. Awards received for intercollegiate athletics participation may not be sold, exchanged or assigned for another item of value, even if the student-athlete's name or picture does not appear on the award. Each of the following subsections is independent of the others so that it is permissible for an individual student-athlete to receive the awards described in all subsections. **[R]** *(Revised: 9/12/03, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.1 Participation Awards. [A] Awards for participation in intercollegiate athletics may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-1. Awards for participation in special events may be provided only to student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 3/8/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.1.1 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award. [A] An institution may provide a maximum of two senior scholar-athlete awards each year to graduating seniors. The award may consist of a tangible item valued at not more than \$175 and a postgraduate scholarship not to exceed \$10,000. The postgraduate scholarship shall be used for graduate studies at the recipient's choice of institution and shall be disbursed directly to that institution. Such a scholarship only may be awarded to a student-athlete who has completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. A student-athlete who has received an institutional postgraduate scholarship as part of a senior scholar-athlete award shall no longer be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, except that the student may complete the remainder of any season currently in progress at the time of the award (e.g., postseason competition in the spring sport that occurs after graduation). **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/25/02, Revised: 6/1/06, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.1.2 Special Event Participation Awards Based on Level of Achievement. [A] Special event participation awards may include awards that are based on a level of achievement (e.g., all-tournament award, finalist award, place-finish award) in the event, provided the awards are uniform within each level and the combined value of all awards received for participation in the particular type of special event (e.g., conference championship; other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition) does not exceed the maximum permissible value of such awards (see Figure 16-1). *(Adopted: 1/10/13, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.2 Awards for Winning Conference and National Championships. [A] Awards for winning an individual or team conference or national championship may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-2. Awards for winning a conference or national championship in a team sport may be provided only to student-athletes who were eligible to participate in the championship event. The total value of any single award received for a national championship may not exceed \$415. The total value of any single award received for a conference championship may not exceed \$325, and each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate \$325 limit per award. Each permissible awarding agency may provide only a single award for each championship to each student-athlete. Separate awards may be presented to both the regular-season conference champion and the postseason conference champion (with a separate \$325 limitation), but if the same institution wins both the regular-season and postseason conference championship, the combined value of both awards shall not exceed \$325. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.3 Special Achievement Awards. [A] Awards may be provided each year to individual student-athletes and teams to recognize special achievements, honors and distinctions, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-3. **[R]** *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.4 Local Civic Organization. [A] A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to a member institution's team(s), provided such awards are approved by the institution and are counted in the institution's limit for institutional awards. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/11/09, 8/7/14)*

16.1.4.5 Academic or Graduation Awards or Incentives. [A] The NCAA, a conference or an institution may provide a student-athlete an academic or graduation award or incentive that has a value up to the maximum value of awards an individual student-athlete could receive in an academic year in participation, championship and special achievement awards (combined) listed in Figures 16-1, 16-2, and 16-3. *(Adopted: 8/12/20, Revised: 10/6/21)*

16.1.5 Purchase Restrictions. [A]

16.1.5.1 Assignment of Normal Retail Value. [A] Normal retail value shall be assigned as the value of an award when determining whether an award meets specified value limits, even when a member institution receives institutional awards from an athletics representative or organization free of charge or at a special reduced rate. Normal retail value is the cost to the institution that is based solely on volume and is available to all purchasers of a similar volume and that does not involve an obligation to make additional purchases to enable the supplier to recover the costs for the original purchase. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.5.2 Supplementary-Purchase Arrangement. [A] An institution may not enter into a supplementary-purchase arrangement with an awards supplier whereby the supplier agrees to sell an award (e.g., a watch or ring) at a price below the maximum amount specified by NCAA legislation with the understanding that the institution will make additional purchases of other unrelated items to enable the supplier to recover the costs for the original purchase. Such an arrangement would exceed the specific-value limitations placed on permissible awards. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.5.3 Combining Values. [A] An institution may not combine the value limits of awards given in a sport during the same season, or given to athletes who participate in more than one sport, to provide an award more expensive than permissible under separate application to some or all of its participating student-athletes. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.5.4 Student-Athlete Contribution to Purchase. [A] The value of an award may not exceed specified value limits, and a student-athlete may not contribute to its purchase in order to meet those limits. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.1.6 Institutional Awards Banquets. [A] An institution may conduct awards banquets to commemorate the athletics and/or academic accomplishments of its student-athletes. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/7/14)*

16.1.6.1 Booster Club Recognition Banquet. [A] One time per year, an institution's athletics booster club may finance an intercollegiate team's transportation expenses to a recognition banquet, provided all expenses are paid through the institution's athletics department, the location of the event is not more than 100 miles from the campus and no tangible award is provided to members of the team. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/7/14)*

16.1.7 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards. A conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, a national governing body (or the international equivalents) or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments. Actual and necessary expenses may be provided for the student-athlete's family members to attend the recognition event or awards presentation. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/17/19)*

16.2 Complimentary Admissions and Ticket Benefits. [A]

16.2.1 Permissible Procedures. [A]

16.2.1.1 Institutional Events in the Student-Athlete's Sport. [A] An institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away intercollegiate athletics event to a student-athlete in the sport in which the individual participates (either practices or competes), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest. Such complimentary admissions are for the use of the individuals designated by the student-athlete and may be issued through digital ticketing or a pass list on an individual-game basis. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14, 8/3/22)*

16.2.1.1.1 Exception -- Postseason Events. [A] An institution may provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in a postseason event (e.g., conference championship, NCAA championship, National Invitation Tournament, bowl game) with six complimentary admissions to all intercollegiate athletics events at the site at which the student (or team) participates. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.1.2 Tournaments. [A] Complimentary admissions may be provided to members of the institution's team for all intercollegiate athletics events in a tournament in which the team is participating, rather than only for the games in which the institution's team participates. However, the contests must be at the site at which the institution's team participates. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.2 Institution's Home Events in Other Sports. [A] An institution may provide admission for each student-athlete to all of the institution's regular-season home intercollegiate athletics events in sports other than that in which the student-athlete is a participant. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14, 8/3/22)*

16.2.1.2.1 Nonqualifier. [A] A nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.02.10.3) may receive a complimentary admission to all of the institution's regular-season home intercollegiate athletics events in the first academic year of residence. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/3/06, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.2.2 Complimentary Admissions to an Institution's Home Contest Honoring a Student-Athlete.

[A] An institution may provide a maximum of four complimentary admissions to a student-athlete for an institution's game or event during which a student-athlete is being honored but not participating, provided such complimentary admissions are used by the student-athlete's family members. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.2.1.3 Student-Athlete Ticket Purchases. [A] An institution may arrange for a student-athlete to purchase tickets at face value for an athletics event in which the student-athlete's team (or the student-athlete as an individual) participates. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/15/16, Revised: 8/3/22)*

16.2.2 Nonpermissible Procedures. [A]

16.2.2.1 Sale of Complimentary Admissions. [A] A student-athlete may not receive payment from any source for the student-athlete's complimentary admissions and may not exchange or assign them for any item of value.

16.2.2.2 Payment to Third Party. [A] Individuals designated by the student-athlete to receive complimentary admissions are not permitted to receive any type of payment for the admissions or to exchange or assign them for any item of value. Receipt of payment for complimentary admissions by such designated individuals is prohibited and considered an extra benefit. **[R]**

16.2.2.3 Sale Above Face Value. [A] A student-athlete may not purchase tickets for an intercollegiate athletics event from the institution and then sell the tickets at a price greater than their face value. **[R]**

16.3 Academic and Other Support Services. [A]

16.3.1 Mandatory. [A]

16.3.1.1 Academic Counseling/Support Services. [A] Member institutions shall make general academic counseling and tutoring services available to all student-athletes. Such counseling and tutoring services may be provided by the department of athletics or the institution's nonathletics student support services. In addition, an institution, conference or the NCAA may finance other academic support, career counseling or personal development services and provide benefits and expenses that support or are incidental to the academic success of student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/9/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 8/3/22)*

16.3.1.2 Life Skills Programs. [A] An institution shall be required to conduct a life skills program on its campus. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 10/7/10, 8/7/14)*

16.3.2 Expenses Related to Legal and Other Proceedings. [A] An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or legal proceedings that result from the student-athlete's involvement in athletics practice or competitive events. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests). **[R]** *(Revised: 5/9/06, 8/7/14)*

16.3.3 Expenses Related to Initial or Transfer-Eligibility Requirements. [A] An institution shall not provide academic expenses or services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist a prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete in completing initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or in improving the individual's academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.3.4 Specific Benefits Related to Education. [A] A conference or institution may provide the following benefits related to education without limitations: *(Adopted: 8/12/20, Revised: 10/6/21)*

- (a) Computers, science equipment, musical instruments and other tangible items not included in the cost of attendance calculation but nonetheless related to the pursuit of academic studies;
- (b) Tutoring;
- (c) Expenses related to studying abroad that are not included in the cost of attendance calculation; and
- (d) Paid post-eligibility internships.

16.4 Medical Expenses. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 9/6/00, 4/29/04, 8/4/08, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.4.1 Medical Coverage. [A] An institution shall provide medical care to a student-athlete for an athletically related injury incurred during the student-athlete's involvement in intercollegiate athletics for the institution. The period of care for such an injury shall extend at least two years following either graduation or separation from the institution, or until the student-athlete qualifies for coverage under the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program, whichever occurs first. Each institution has the discretion to determine the method by which it will provide medical care, the method by which it determines whether an injury is athletically related and any policy deemed necessary for implementing the medical care. *(Adopted: 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

16.4.2 Mental Health Services and Resources. [A] An institution shall make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes. Such services and resources may be provided by the department of athletics and/or the institution's health services or counseling services department. Provision of services and resources should be consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices. In addition, an institution must distribute mental health educational materials and resources to student-athletes, including those transitioning out of their sports, coaches, athletics administrators and other athletics personnel throughout the year. Such educational materials and resources must include a guide to the mental health services and resources available at the institution and information regarding how to access them. *(Adopted: 1/24/19 effective 8/1/19)*

16.4.2.1 Application to Nonautonomy Conferences. A member institution of a conference other than the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 shall apply the provisions of Bylaw 16.4.2. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

16.5 Housing and Meals. [A]

16.5.1 General Rule. [A] An institution is required to apply the same housing policies to student-athletes as it applies to the student body in general. During the academic year, the institution may not house student-athletes in athletics dormitories or athletics blocks within institutional or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings (when the institution arranges for the housing) on those days when institutional dormitories are open to the general student body. **[R]** *(Adopted: 10/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.5.1.1 Athletics Dormitories. [A] Athletics dormitories shall be defined as institutional dormitories in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.5.1.2 Athletics Blocks. [A] Athletics blocks shall be defined as individual blocks, wings or floors within institutional dormitories, or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings where the institution has arranged housing for student-athletes, in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/10/92, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14, 8/3/22)*

16.5.1.3 Exception – Nondiscriminatory Housing Policies. [A] The prohibition against the use of athletics dormitories or blocks does not apply when the institution demonstrates that its housing assignment policies do not differentiate between student-athletes and students generally. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2 Permissible. [A] An institution may provide housing and meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics as identified in this bylaw. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.1 Summer Dormitory Rentals. [A] An institution may rent, at the regular institutional rate, dormitory space to a prospective or enrolled student-athlete during the summer months. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14, 8/3/22)*

16.5.2.2 Preseason Practice Expenses. [A] An institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes who report for preseason practice prior to the start of the academic year, it being understood that the student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution at the time such benefits are received. An institution may begin to provide such benefits as it deems necessary and appropriate for specific circumstances (e.g., international travel). **[R]** *(Revised: 4/24/03, 3/10/04, 4/24/14, 8/7/14, 8/3/22)*

16.5.2.2.1 Effect of Violation. [A] A violation of Bylaw 16.5.2.2 due to a miscalculation of the permissible start date for preseason practice shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3; however, a student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. *(Revised: 10/29/09, 8/7/14)*

16.5.2.3 Meals and Snacks. [A] An institution may provide meals and snacks to a student-athlete at any time. An institution shall not provide cash for a meal unless authorized by NCAA legislation. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/7/14, 10/20/14, 8/3/22)*

16.5.2.3.1 Meal Expenses in Conjunction with Competition and Practice Activities. [A] An institution may provide a student-athlete with cash for a meal in conjunction with competition or a meal missed due to practice activities in a manner consistent with cash provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips. *(Adopted: 8/3/22)*

16.5.2.4 Meals Provided by a Representative of Athletics Interests. [A] A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal from a representative of athletics interests on infrequent and special occasions. *(Adopted: 8/3/22)*

16.5.2.5 Vacation-Period Expenses. [A] An institution may provide meals and lodging expenses to student-athletes (during official institutional vacation periods) for a reasonable period when student-athletes are required to remain in the locale of the institution for organized practice sessions or competition. If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes under such circumstances, a cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips. If a student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, lodging expenses may not be provided by the institution. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/14/97, 10/28/99, 4/29/04, 5/26/06, 1/8/07, 4/17/07, 4/24/14, 8/7/14, 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18, 8/3/22)*

16.5.2.6 Required Summer Athletic Activities. [A] An institution may provide room and board expenses to a student-athlete to participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6 while not enrolled in summer school. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/24/19)*

16.5.2.7 Nutritional Supplements. [A] An institution may provide permissible nutritional supplements to a student-athlete for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, protein supplements, omega-3 fatty acids, and vitamins and minerals. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/14/09, 8/7/14, 1/20/17, 1/16/19)*

16.6 Expenses for Student-Athlete's Friends and Family Members. [A]

16.6.1 Permissible. [A] An institution may not provide any expenses to a student-athlete's family members or friends, except as permitted pursuant to this provision and Bylaw 16.11. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.1 Expenses for Significant Other/Children to Postseason Football Bowl Game or NCAA Championship. [A] The institution may provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the significant other and children of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one round (conducted at the site) of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. **[R]** *(Revised: 2/1/05, 8/7/14, 1/19/18)*

16.6.1.2 Family Lodging at Postseason Events. [A] An institution may reserve or secure lodging at any postseason event (other than a conference event) at a reduced or special rate for the family members of a student-athlete who is a participant. It is not permissible for an institution to cover any portion of the cost of lodging, including any cost associated with reserving or securing lodging. **[R]** *(Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.3 Injury or Illness. [A] The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete's family members and any other student-athlete to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness, or in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide such expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. **[R]** *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.3.1 Family Members of Student-Athletes. [A] An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete's family members and any other student-athlete to be present in situations in which a family member of the student-athlete suffers an injury or illness, or in the event of such an individual's death, to provide the student-athlete's family members and any other student-athlete with such expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/22/07, 4/13/09, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.4 National Team Competition -- Family Benefits. [A] A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete's family members to attend national team competition in which the student-athlete will participate. In addition, family members of student-athletes may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all national team members in conjunction with participation in national team competition. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 11/1/00, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.5 Reasonable Food and Drinks. [A] An institution may provide the family members of a student-athlete with reasonable food and drinks in conjunction with educational meetings or celebratory events (e.g., senior night) and on an occasional basis for other reasons. **[R]** *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/16/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.6 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Awards Banquets. [A] An institution may provide complimentary admissions to an institutional awards banquet for the family members of any student-athlete being honored at the banquet. **[R]** (*Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14*)

16.7 Entertainment. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide reasonable entertainment (but may not provide cash for such entertainment) to student-athletes at any time. **[R]** (*Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17, 8/3/22*)

16.8 Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition. [A]

16.8.1 Permissible. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition (including expenses for activities/travel that are incidental to practice or competition). In order to receive competition-related expenses, the student-athlete must be eligible for practice. **[D]** (*Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 8/3/22*)

16.8.1.1 Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games. [A] An institution may provide \$30 per day to each member of a team to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or national governing body championship events in emerging sports, during a period limited to the maximum number of days of per diem allowed for the involved championship or, for postseason bowl games, for a period not to exceed 10 days. The \$30 per day may be provided only after the team departs for or reports to the site of the championship or postseason bowl contest. **[R]** (*Adopted: 10/21/13, Revised: 8/7/14*)

16.8.1.2 Other Events. [A] During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer) or in the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the institution, provided the student-athlete is eligible to represent the institution in athletics competition during the ensuing academic year, an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: **[R]** (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/20/17, 7/1/19, 1/15/20, 8/3/22*)

- (a) Established regional (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) and national championship events (including junior regional and national championships) and qualifying competition for such events;
- (b) The Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) and qualifying competition (e.g., Olympic or Paralympic Trials) for such events; and
- (c) National team training, tryouts or competition events used for consideration for selection or to determine members of a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition.

16.8.1.3 Fees Related to Conditioning Activities. [A] An institution may pay a fee related to the conduct of permissible in-season or out-of-season conditioning activities (e.g., fee for yoga instruction, fee related to a conditioning program). (See Bylaw 16.8.2.1.) (*Adopted: 10/20/14*)

16.8.2 Nonpermissible. [A]

16.8.2.1 Conditioning Expenses Outside the Playing Season. [A] An institution shall not provide expenses (e.g., travel, lodging, meals) to student-athletes in conjunction with permissible conditioning activities that may occur outside the playing season during the academic year. (*Adopted: 10/20/14*)

16.9 Other Expenses Provided by the Institution. [A] (*Revised: 8/3/22*)

16.9.1 Permissible Expenses Not Related to Practice or Competition. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in events and activities incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics. Further, an institution may provide reasonable transportation to student-athletes. **[R]** (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 8/3/22*)

16.10 Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution. [A]

16.10.1 Service or Religious Organization Encampments. [A] Nationally recognized service organizations and religious groups may underwrite the actual and necessary expenses of student-athletes attending such encampments. Neither the

institution nor an athletically related organization may underwrite such expenses. **[R]** (*Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/2/10, 8/7/14*)

16.10.2 Student-Teaching. [A] A student-athlete may accept actual and necessary travel expenses from a high school if the student-athlete is student-teaching (even if teaching or coaching a sport) if the high school is located in a city other than the one in which the collegiate institution is located. In order for the student-athlete to accept such expenses: **[R]** (*Revised: 8/7/14*)

- (a) Receipt of the expenses must be permitted by the established guidelines of the institution for other student-teacher trainees;
- (b) The assigned coaching responsibilities must be a part of the supervised, evaluated teacher-training program in which the student-athlete is enrolled; and
- (c) The high school must provide such expenses for all of its student-teacher trainees.

16.10.3 Luncheon Meeting Expenses. [A] A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a luncheon meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete. **[R]** (*Revised: 8/7/14*)

16.10.4 Recognition by Professional Sports Organization. [A] A student-athlete may accept complimentary admission to a professional sports contest during which the student-athlete and/or intercollegiate team is being recognized by the professional sports organization for extraordinary achievements. Further, it shall be permissible for the professional sports organization to promote this event to the general public. **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 8/7/14*)

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services. [A]

16.11.1 Permissible. [A]

16.11.1.1 General Rule. [A] Receipt of a benefit (including otherwise prohibited extra benefits per Bylaw 16.11.2) by student-athletes, their family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA rules if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students and their family members or friends. (*Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14*)

16.11.1.2 Deferred Pay-Back Loan. [A] A student-athlete may receive a loan on a deferred pay-back basis without jeopardizing the student-athlete's eligibility, provided: **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 8/7/14*)

- (a) The loan arrangements are not contrary to the extra-benefit rule; and
- (b) The student-athlete's athletics reputation, skill or pay-back potential as a future professional athlete is not considered by the lending agency in its decision to provide the loan.

16.11.1.3 Loan From Established Family Friend. [A] A student-athlete may receive a loan from an established family friend without such arrangement constituting an extra benefit, provided: **[R]** (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 8/7/14*)

- (a) The loan is not offered to the student-athlete based in any degree on the student-athlete's athletics ability or reputation;
- (b) The individual providing the loan is not considered a representative of the institution's athletics interests; and
- (c) The relationship between the individual providing the loan and the student-athlete existed prior to the initiation of the student-athlete's recruitment by the member institution.

16.11.1.4 Insurance. [A] An institution may purchase insurance or a student-athlete may borrow against future earnings potential from an established, accredited commercial lending institution for the purpose of purchasing insurance incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics (e.g., critical injury or illness, loss of value), provided a third party (including a representative of an institution's athletics interests) is not involved in arrangements for securing the loan. However, an institution's president or chancellor (or designated representative from outside the athletics department) may designate an institutional staff member (or staff members) (e.g., professional sports counseling panel) to assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing the loan and insurance. **[R]** (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/16/10, 8/7/14, 1/17/15, 8/3/22*)

16.11.1.5 Research Studies Involving Only Student-Athletes. [A]

16.11.1.5.1 NCAA Research Studies. [A] A student-athlete may receive compensation from the Association for participating in specified NCAA research studies. Such compensation shall be consistent with the going rate for compensation offered in studies involving nonathlete populations. **[R]** (*Adopted: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/30/09, 8/7/14*)

16.11.1.5.2 Institution-Based Research Studies. [A] A student-athlete may receive compensation from an institution for participating in a research study involving only student-athletes, provided: **[R]** (*Adopted: 4/30/09, Revised: 8/7/14*)

- (a) The study is initiated and conducted by a faculty member at a member institution; and

- (b) The study and compensation arrangements are approved by the institutional review board of the faculty member's institution consistent with policies applicable to other institution-based research studies.

16.11.1.6 Miscellaneous Benefits. [A] An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: **[R]** (*Adopted: 4/26/01, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/13/09, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14*)

- (a) The use of a return ticket at any time after the conclusion of a foreign tour;
- (b) Receipt of frequent flier points and/or miles earned while traveling to and from intercollegiate practice and/or competition;
- (c) Participation in receptions and festivities associated with championships, conference tournaments or all-star events hosted by and conducted on the institution's campus;
- (d) Occasional meals to team members provided by a student-athlete's family member at any location;
- (e) Telephone calls in emergency situations as approved by the director of athletics (or designee);
- (f) Reasonable tokens of support and transportation, housing and meal expenses in the event of injury, illness, or death of a family member or another student-athlete;
- (g) Fundraisers for student-athletes (or their family members) under the following extreme circumstances:
 - (1) Extreme circumstances should be extraordinary in the result of events beyond the student-athlete's control (e.g., life-threatening illness, natural disaster);
 - (2) The proceeds must be designated for a specific purpose (e.g., payment of medical bills, purchase of medical equipment, replacement of items lost in a fire, etc.)
 - (3) The proceeds may be given directly to the beneficiaries, with receipt kept on file by the institution, which must include the amount of expenses incurred and the total amount received; and
 - (4) The excess proceeds must be given to a not-for-profit organization with the receipt kept on file by the institution.
- (h) The payment of admission costs or a meal for any student-athlete being honored at a nonathletics awards ceremony.

16.11.1.7 Student Assistance Fund. A student-athlete may receive money from the NCAA Student Assistance Fund. Member institutions and conferences shall not use money received from the fund to finance salaries and benefits; tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books during a regular term (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility; capital improvements; stipends; competition-related travel expenses for student-athletes who are ineligible for competition (e.g., nonqualifier, transfer student-athlete); and outside athletics development opportunities (e.g., participation in a sports camp or clinic, private sports-related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses) for current student-athletes with remaining eligibility. **[R]** (*Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07, 2/24/12, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15, 10/5/16, 3/28/17*)

16.11.2 Nonpermissible. [A]

16.11.2.1 General Rule. [A] The student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. The term "extra benefit" refers to any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide the student-athlete or the student-athlete's family members or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. **[R]** (*Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

16.11.2.2 Other Prohibited Benefits. [A] An institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests may not provide a student-athlete with extra benefits or services, including, but not limited to: **[R]** (*Revised: 8/3/22*)

- (a) A loan of money;
- (b) A guarantee of bond;
- (c) An automobile or the use of an automobile; or
- (d) Signing or co-signing a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.

16.11.2.3 Camp Concession. [A] It is not permissible for a member institution or a member of its athletics department staff conducting a sports camp to permit a student-athlete (enrolled in the institution) to operate, at the student-athlete's own expense, a concession selling items related to or associated with the camp to campers or others in attendance (see also Bylaw 13.12.1.7.3.2). **[R]** (*Revised: 8/7/14*)

16.11.2.4 Items Received for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. [A] An item received for participation in intercollegiate athletics may not be sold or exchanged or assigned for another item of value. (*Adopted: 4/15/14, Revised: 8/7/14*)

16.12 Expense Waivers. [A]

16.12.1 Previously Approved Incidental Expenses. [A] Specific incidental expenses that have been previously approved by the Committee for Legislative Relief may be processed by an institution or conference. Documentation of each approval shall be kept on file at the conference office. (*Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/21/12, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

FIGURE 16-1
Participation Awards [A] [R]

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Annual Participation — Underclassmen	\$225	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation — Senior	\$425	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
Special Event Participation				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	\$375*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event (may include conference office)	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament	Institution — \$375 NCAA — No limit	Once per event	• Institution • NCAA	2
• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl	\$400 (Institution) \$550 (Management of event)	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2
• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition	\$400*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2

* The combined value of all awards received for participation in this type of event from the institution and the management of the event may not exceed the published value.

FIGURE 16-2
Championship Awards [A] [R]

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
National Championship conducted by NCAA	\$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
National Championship not conducted by NCAA***	\$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — regular season	\$325#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — postseason contest or tournament	\$325#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2

* Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate \$415/\$325 limit per award.

** Award may be provided by another organization recognized by the institution or conference to act in its place.

*** Applies only to sports or classification divisions in which the NCAA does not conduct championships. Teams must be designated as a "national champion" by a national wire-service poll or the national coaches association in that sport.

The combined value of both awards shall not exceed \$325 if same institution wins conference regular-season and postseason championships.

FIGURE 16-3
Special Achievement Awards [A] [R]
(Revised: 1/19/2018 effective immediate)

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Special attainments or contribution to team's season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most minutes played, most valuable player)	\$175	Once per category of award per year	Institution	1
Most valuable player -- special event*	\$325**	Once per event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution • Conference • Organization approved by institution or conference 	Unlimited
Most valuable player -- bowl game or all-star contest	\$350	Once per event	Sponsoring entity of all-star contest or certified postseason bowl	1
Established regional/national recognition awards (e.g., Wade Trophy, Heisman Trophy)	\$325	Once per year per award	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing established national award	Unlimited	Once per year	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing conference "athlete of the year"	\$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Trophy recognizing conference "scholar-athlete of the year"	\$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Specialized performance in single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week)	\$80 (certificate, medal or plaque only)	Unlimited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference • Outside organization (e.g., local business) 	Unlimited
Hometown award	\$80	Unlimited	Group (other than institution's booster club) located in student-athlete's hometown	Unlimited

*The award recipient must be selected by a recognized organization approved by a member institution or conference.

**Each permissible awarding agency is subject to separate \$325 limit per award. Each awarding agency may provide only a single award for each event to each student-athlete.

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 17

Playing and Practice Seasons

17.01 General Principles.

17.01.1 Institutional Limitations. A member institution shall limit its organized practice activities, the length of its playing seasons and the number of its regular-season contests and/or dates of competition in all sports, as well as the extent of its participation in noncollegiate-sponsored athletics activities, to minimize interference with the academic programs of its student-athletes (see Figures 17-1 and 17-2).

17.01.2 Additional Playing and Practice Seasons Limitations. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team(s) that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional playing and practice seasons limitations. The committee shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances (see Bylaw 14.8). (*Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 8/7/14*)

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

17.02.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities. Countable athletically related activities include any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, one or more of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and must be counted within the weekly and daily limitations under Bylaws 17.1.7.1 and 17.1.7.2. Administrative activities (e.g., academic meetings, compliance meetings) shall not be considered as countable athletically related activities. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03*)

17.02.1.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered a countable athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and the student-athlete does not miss class. (*Adopted: 7/13/20*)

17.02.2 Contest. A contest is any game, match, exhibition, scrimmage or joint practice session with another institution's team, regardless of its formality, in which competition in a sport occurs between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. (*Revised: 1/10/91*)

17.02.3 Contest, Countable, Institutional. A countable contest for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of contests, is any contest by the member institution against an outside team in that sport, unless a specific exemption for a particular contest is set forth in this bylaw. Contests, including scrimmages, by separate squads of the same team against different outside teams shall each count as one contest.

17.02.4 Contest, Countable, Individual Student-Athlete. A countable contest for an individual student-athlete in a sport is any contest in which the student-athlete competes while representing the member institution (see Bylaw 17.02.8) individually or as a member of the varsity, subvarsity or freshman team of the institution in that sport, unless a specific exemption for a particular contest is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.5 Date of Competition. A date of competition is a single date on which any game(s), match(es), meet(s), exhibition(s), scrimmage(s) or joint practice session(s) with another institution's team takes place, regardless of its formality, between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. (*Revised: 1/10/91*)

17.02.6 Date of Competition, Countable, Institutional. A countable date of competition for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of dates of competition, is a single date on which the institution's team in a sport engages in competition in that sport against an outside team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.6.1 Required Minimum Number of Student-Athletes. For individual sports and women's rowing, an institution shall be considered to have participated in competition that constitutes a date of competition if the minimum number of student-athletes participating on one or more teams, at one or more sites, on behalf of the institution on that date equals or exceeds the minimum number established for that sport, unless otherwise restricted in this bylaw for a particular sport (e.g., golf, tennis). (See Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for listings of minimum numbers of student-athletes per sport.)

17.02.7 Date of Competition, Countable, Individual Student-Athlete. A countable date of competition for an individual student-athlete is any date on which a student-athlete competes while representing the institution (see Bylaw 17.02.8)

individually or as a member of the varsity, subvarsity or freshman team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.8 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following: (*Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95*)

- (a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies;
- (b) Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or
- (c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition.

17.02.8.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 is exempted from the application of this legislation. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.02.8.2 Participation on an Institution's Club Team. Participation on a collegiate institution's club team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution did not sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level at the time of participation. (*Adopted: 6/24/09*)

17.02.9 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation. (*Revised: 7/31/14, 10/17/19, 1/22/20*)

17.02.10 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any of the following conditions exists: (*Revised: 4/29/10, 7/31/14*)

- (a) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;
- (b) Official score is kept;
- (c) Individual or team standings are maintained;
- (d) Official timer or game officials are used;
- (e) Admission is charged;
- (f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;
- (g) Team uniforms are used;
- (h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
- (i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

17.02.11 Outside Competition. Outside competition is athletics competition against any other athletics team (including an alumni team) that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the same institution.

17.02.12 Outside Team. An outside team is any team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the member institution or a team that includes individuals other than eligible student-athletes of the member institution (e.g., members of the coaching staff, ineligible student-athletes, members of the faculty).

17.02.13 Practice Units. In determining the first permissible preseason practice date, an institution shall count back from its first scheduled contest, one unit for each day beginning with the opening of classes, one unit for each day classes are not in session in the week of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest and two units for each other day in the preseason practice period, except that the institution shall not count any units during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution's team must leave campus, and practice is not conducted. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/14/03*)

17.02.13.1 Sunday. Sundays are excluded from the counting. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.02.13.2 Week. The "week" of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest is defined as the six days, excluding Sunday, preceding the date of competition (even if one or more of the days fall into different traditional calendar weeks). (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)